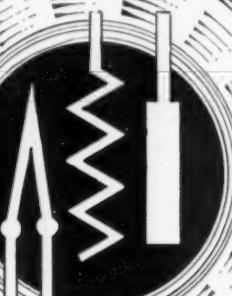


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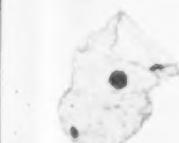
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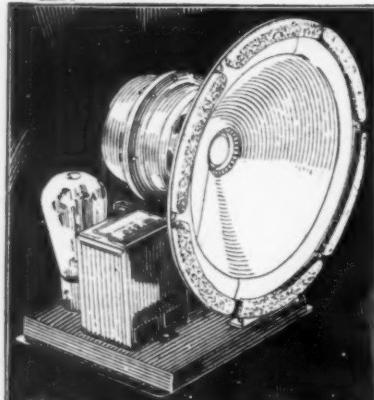
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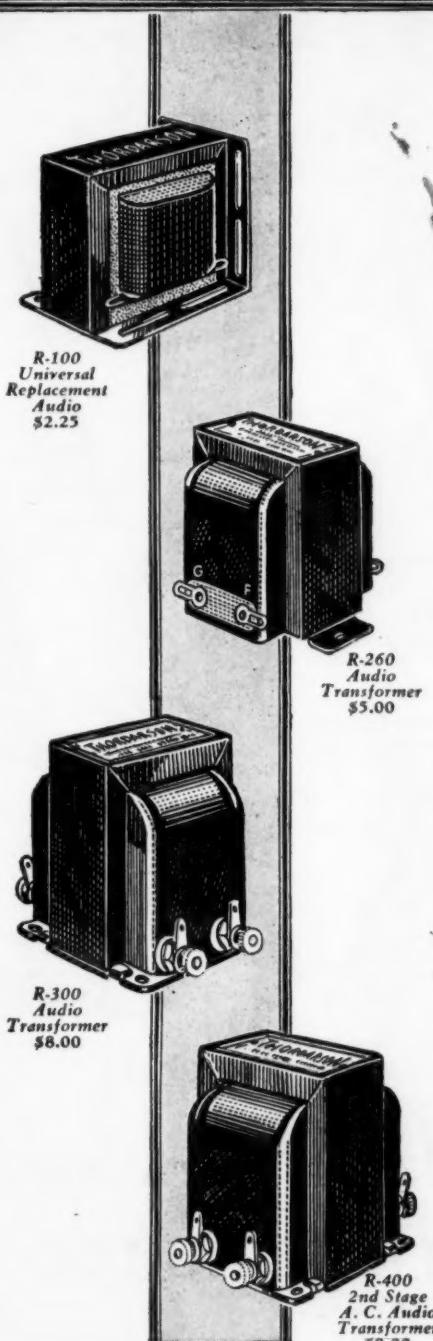
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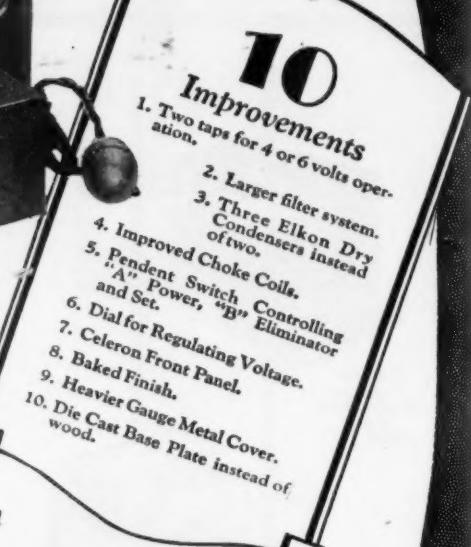
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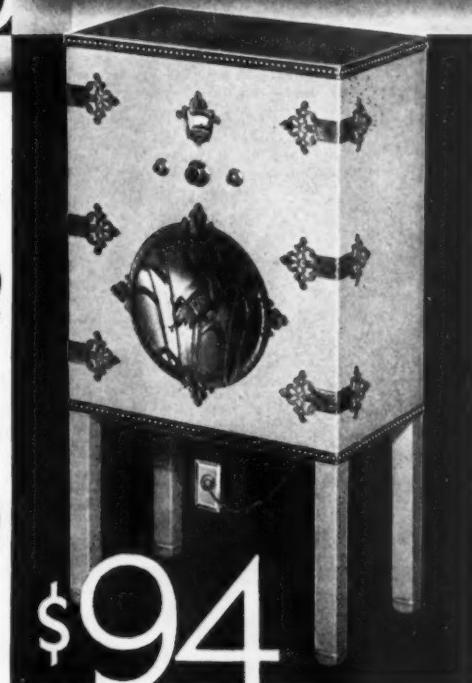
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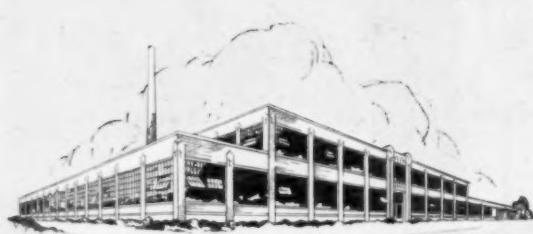
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## *Radiotorial Comment*

AFTER nearly a year's endeavor, the R.M.A. patent committee has submitted its plan for the cross-licensing of radio patents. While the general principles of this plan were approved by the R.M.A. membership last June, their specific applications must be accepted before they can be put into effect. This will be one of the most important of the questions to be decided during this year's Chicago radio show.

The plan provides for the interchange of all radio patent information in the possession of the manufacturers who accept it. Minor patents are to be available without payments of royalties for their use. The use of major patents requires the payment of nominal royalties.

A somewhat similar plan has been followed by automobile manufacturers for fifteen years. It has not only done much to stabilize the industry, but it has also benefited the buyer by providing better cars for less money. Similar benefits should accrue if the radio manufacturers adopt their plan.

Its first effect should be to do away with much of the wasteful expense of patent litigation. This was exemplified when the R.C.A. licensed a large number of set manufacturers who were otherwise faced with suits for patent infringements. Likewise, the new policy of licensing tube manufacturers, of which Raytheon—subsequently acquired by the National Carbon Company—is the first instance, should do much to stabilize the tube business.

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THE voluntary policy of unscrambling the Radio Corporation of America proceeds apace so that before long it will merely be a holding corporation. Its marine and aircraft services are handled by the Radiomarine Corporation of America, its transoceanic land stations by R.C.A. Communications, Inc., its entertainment activities by Radio-Keith-Orpheum,

its photophone sales by a separate corporation, and its radio set, tube and phonograph sales by the Radio-Victor Corporation of America. All of these subsidiaries are owned by the R.C.A., most of whose manufacturing is done by the General Electric and Westinghouse companies.

Each one of these large units has individual management under the general supervision of the R.C.A. officials. Any one of them may be separated readily from the parent company, as was proposed with regard to the sale of R.C.A. Communications, Inc., to the International Telephone and Telegraph Company. Or they may continue to be operated as independent units more efficiently than was possible in the old form of organization.

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WIRED radio, which has been nearly dormant for five years or more, has taken a new lease on life with the installation of sending equipment on the power lines of the electric power company at Cleveland, Ohio. This company proposes to transmit the programs of two broadcast stations and to lease receiving sets so that its consumers can hear the programs directly from the wires. Prophecy as to what effect this will have upon the sale of radio receivers is difficult, but the consensus of opinion is that it will supplement rather than replace the general use of radio receivers. It will not give the wide choice of programs to which listeners have become accustomed, but the programs may be received with fewer extraneous noises.

The real value of wired radio will probably become apparent when the radio movie is perfected. Wires can readily provide the wide channels necessary for the transmission of the great range of frequencies essential to the reproduction of a moving picture.

**P**ROGRESS in short-wave transmission and reception of broadcast programs gives ground for the belief that it may eventually supersede the use of telephone wires. Thus it would be possible to give at least as good service as the wires now give and at much less cost.

The transcontinental chain broadcasts of today were not possible until the intervening wire circuits had been improved so as to give nearly uniform amplification of all audio frequencies between one hundred and five thousand cycles. Even as it is, there is some question as to whether some of the low frequencies are not cut off and it is certain that the low notes travel slightly faster than the high, so that a drum beat may arrive slightly ahead of its accompanying flute note or the higher harmonics of a voice may be heard as a sort of a whistle at the end of a word. This latter condition of phase distortion is to be corrected by the installation of new repeater equipment during the coming summer.

Another weakness in the wire connection is the interruption to service that is occasionally caused by storms. This requires that a distant broadcast station have an artist always in reserve and ready to sing or play in case the wire service is cut off.

The cost of maintaining and operating a transcontinental telephone circuit is very great. This is reflected in the fact that nearly one-fifth the total income of the National Broadcasting Company is expended for wire tolls. A goodly portion of this expenditure might be saved by radio connection.

In fact it seems strange that, with all the progress made in the radio art, chain stations are still dependent upon wire connection. Recent success in the re-broadcasting of programs from very distant stations suggests that any chain station might regularly re-broadcast nightly programs from a station a few hundred miles to the east or west and thus give coast-to-coast service through a series of relay stations, each acting as a booster, as it were, for the preceding stations.

Some of the technical difficulties in such a practice have already been solved by the British Broadcasting Company in the operation of its relay stations.

The same effect is virtually accomplished by the series of wire repeater stations operated by

the telephone company. By means of intermediate amplifiers situated at about 300-mile intervals it is possible to deliver to the receiving end a signal of the same power as that sent from the transmitting end, whereas, with direct transmission without repeaters, the same volume of reception would require millions of times more power at the transmitter than would be available from all the electric power plants in the world. This astounding fact strikingly illustrates the advantage of intermediate amplification.

Early studies of low-power radio repeaters at a frequency of 1000 kilocycles indicated that they would be uneconomical as compared with direct transmission at higher powers. But this was before the day of the high-power chain stations that are now in existence and requiring the construction of but a few intermediate relay stations to give coast-to-coast service. Nor did the early studies consider the possibilities of short-wave transmission. Surely, from the standpoint of economics, the subject is worthy of further study.

However, the Federal Radio Commission, in its wisdom, has refused to issue licenses for short-wave relay broadcasting unless the applicant has sufficient power for transoceanic transmission. The Commission states that any local broadcasting at high frequencies "would be a duplication of a possible service available by land-lines" and would utilize channels which should be reserved for long distances. Should this ruling be sustained it will effectually throttle the developments here proposed.

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**A**NTICIPATING that the Royal Canadian Radio Commission may recommend that the government take over all broadcast stations, the present owners thereof have reorganized an association to determine policy with respect to the proposal. The thirty-six major stations are valued at something over one million dollars. Preliminary discussions have indicated that costs of station upkeep under government ownership would be paid by advertisers who sponsor programs. Many Canadian listeners have expressed a preference for the programs that come from the United States.

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# Radio Equipment of S. S. Virginia, WSBW

THE S. S. *Virginia* and her sister ship the *California* are the largest electrically propelled commercial vessels in the world. With a length of 613 feet, the *Virginia* has a beam of 80 ft., a depth of hull of 52 ft. and a total depth of 100 ft. from upper deck to keel. She has a displacement of 31,000 tons, travels at a speed of 21½ miles per hour, carrying 800 passengers and 8500 tons of freight. And, getting back to our regular line of thought, she is in communication with both American coasts day and night.

No longer do the radio operators, when steaming down the coast of California, have to tack on 11 cents per word for land-line charges on a message to New York, or an additional 33 cents per word when near the Panama Canal. When a passenger of the S. S. *Virginia*, cruising down the Pacific Coast, addresses a message to a friend in New York it is sent direct, at a saving of time, handling and money; at the same word rate, in fact, that would be charged if addressed to San Francisco or Los Angeles.

The radio equipment is up to the minute in every detail. Due to its exceptional efficiency for handling traffic the short-wave transmitter is usually used, although communication across the continent is easily established and maintained on 600 meters and up with the 750-watt R.C.A. type 3626-B shown on the left of Fig. 1. Regular hourly daylight schedules are kept with W6XI, Bolinas, California; W1XC, Marion, Mass., and W2XD, Tuckerton, N. J., during which all traffic originating on

the ship or picked up from other ships for relay is cleared. The monthly traffic totals of WSBW are second only to those of the *Leviathan*, and reach an average figure of \$2000 per trip. The working wave for daylight communication is 24 meters and for night 36 meters. In clearing stations not equipped with short-wave transmitters and receivers the usual 600, 705 and 2100 meter waves are used.

The IP 501-A medium wave receiver shown in the center of Fig. 1 is the latest model of the original IP 501 with which most of the old-time operators are familiar, and incorporates in its cabinet the two stages of a.f. amplification which were formerly housed in a separate box. Above it may be seen the 503 loading inductance which makes possible the reception of waves up to 19,000 meters, which is as high as present practice requires.

Over the message filing cabinet may be seen the short-wave receiver which is one of the newest products of the Radio Corporation, and bears the number AR

1496-C. It is designed for reception on waves of from 12 to 80 meters, employing plug-in coils for the various bands. This allows a wide separation of frequency channels with subsequent ease and accuracy of control.

Although this receiver does not differ greatly from many of its kind in present-day use, certain precautions that have been taken in order to obtain the highest possible electrical efficiency warrant the publication of its circuit. The system of shielding is simple and sure. The stage of r.f. amplification is shielded from the rest of the set, which is housed in a metal cabinet, and the screen grid tube is shielded from its coils and condensers. The top of the r.f. shield and all the edges of the cabinet are fitted with thin spring phosphor bronze strips that make good contact with the metal lid when the latter is closed. The external field of the antenna coil is shielded from that of the r.f. grid coil by a metal wall with a hole in it slightly larger than the coil.

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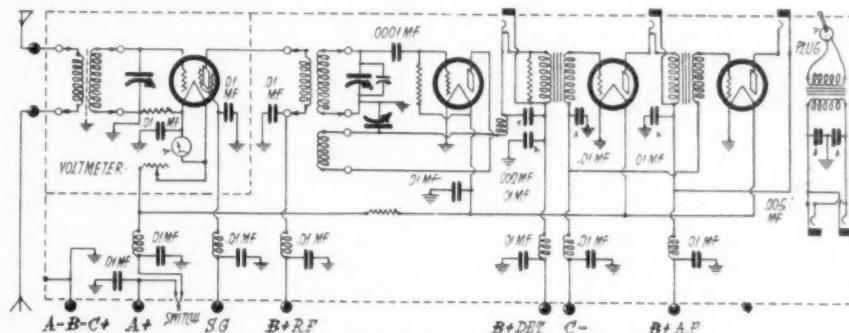


Fig. 3. Circuit Diagram of R.C.A. Short Wave Receiver, AR 1496-C

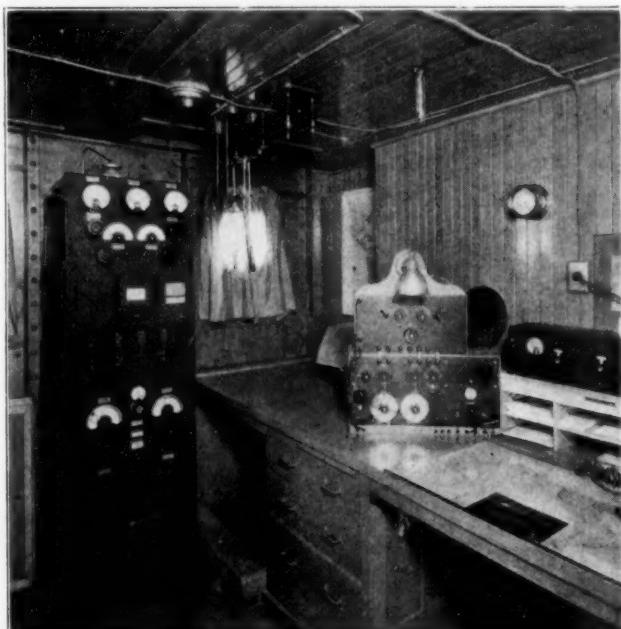


Fig. 1. Long Wave Equipment on WSBW. Short Wave Receiver at Right



Fig. 2. Short Wave Receiver and Transmitter. T. Jay Byrne at the "Bug"

# Modern Ideas in the Portable Receiver

Complete Directions for Constructing a Compact Four-Tube Screen-Grid Set With Power Detector

By P. S. LUCAS

WITH a little care, a complete radio receiver which incorporates most of the latest ideas in design may be crowded into as small a space as the physical dimensions of the parts permit. These features include single control, screen-grid power detection and the subsequent elimination of one audio stage, power sufficient to drive a dynamic speaker, and quality equal to the capabilities of the power tube employed.

As a portable, it has been designed for use with batteries, although it could have been wired for a.c. tubes just as easily, with a portable power pack instead of batteries. This for the man whose travels keep him within the bounds of civilization—and a.c. power supply. The '12-A power tube was used because it can be economically operated on dry *B* batteries, whereas, if the set is used in the home the '71-A tube may be employed with excellent results.

No originality is claimed for the circuit, the main purport of this article being to describe the method of mounting the parts compactly and retaining the new ideas in modern reception. Just a word about the circuit before explaining the constructional details will enable the builder to have a better understanding of what goes on within it, therefore, is in order.

Condenser *C* is necessary only in case a long antenna is used and facilities should be included for shorting it out. The antenna is tapped into the first r.f.

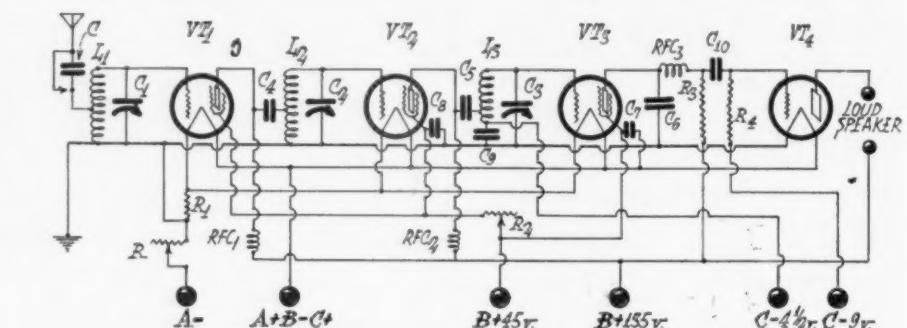


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Screen-Grid Portable

inductance, autotransformer style, at about a fifth of the length of the coil, measured from the ground ends. The exact location is given in the constructional details of the coil.

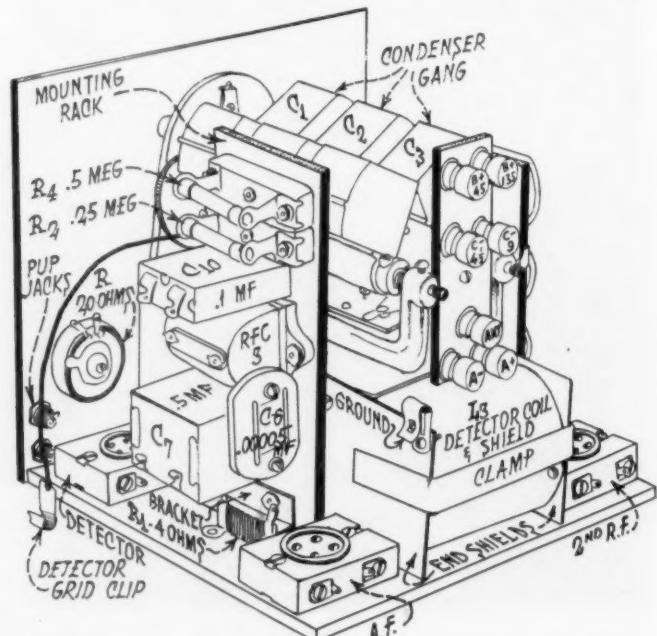
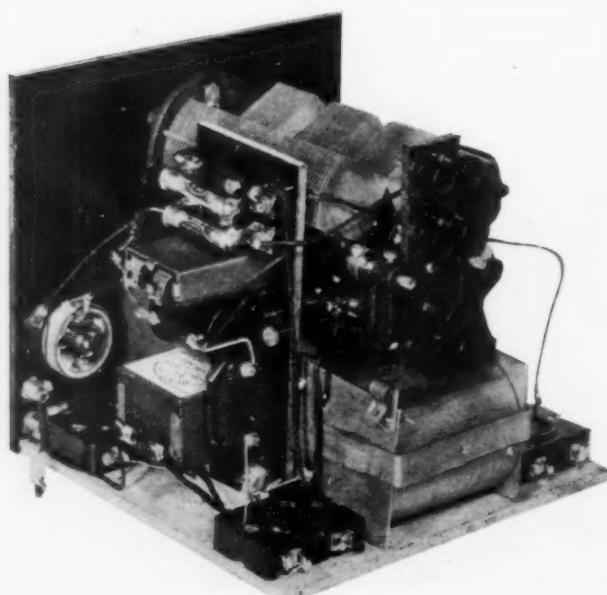
The r.f. outputs of the two r.f. amplifier tubes are similarly tapped, via fixed condensers, into the inductances which follow them. This one-fifth section of the coil serves as the primary to the autotransformer, having the advantage of isolating the r.f. current from the batteries.

*R*<sub>1</sub> supplies the bias voltage to the grids of the first two tubes, taking the drop between the 5 volts supplied by the *A* battery through rheostat *R* and the 3.3 volts used on the filaments of the screen-grid tubes. Due to the fact that the voltage input to the detector control grid is greater than that to the r.f. tubes, a bias of more than 1.7 volts will be needed. So the grid return circuit is isolated from the *A*—*C*— lead by a .1

mfd. fixed condenser and connected to its own *C*— binding post. Under ordinary circumstances 4½ volts have been found to be about right, although other values may be tried.

The three tuning condensers are in a single gang, each with a trimmer for adjustment. The dial on the condenser gang is the only tuning control. The two screen grids in the r.f. tubes are connected together, by-passed to ground to avoid feedback, and connected to the 45-volt *B* battery tap through a 500,000 ohm variable resistor. This acts as a volume control. The detector screen grid goes directly to the 45-volt tap and is by-passed to *A*— with a .5 mfd. or larger condenser. An 85 mh. r.f. choke is in series with each r.f. and detector plate lead. These chokes and by-pass condensers help to prevent feedbacks and oscillation which might otherwise cause trouble due to the crowding of parts.

Resistance coupled amplification in the



Left Rear Views of Portable Receiver

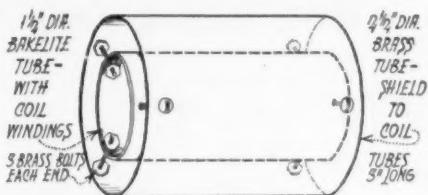
one and only audio stage has several important advantages. It is light and requires little room. If properly built it causes less distortion than the best transformer made. And as the output of the detector is greater than that of the average first stage of a.f. amplification the audio system employed in this set makes possible a loudspeaker volume as great as that of most sets on the market.

The first parts to be mounted behind the panel are the coils. The three used are identical and consist each of 110 turns of No. 28 D. S. C. wire on a 1½-in. bakelite tube, 3 in. long. Start the winding  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. from the end of the tubing so that the end shielding will not interfere too seriously with the magnetic field of the coil. At the twenty-third turn hold the wire tightly with one hand and make a small twist in it with the other, then continue winding, gently but firmly, until the "crisis has been passed." After five or six turns the twisted tap may be considered safely locked and another breath may be taken. When the coils are finished the insulation should be burnt off the tap with a match, the loop tinned, and a little solder allowed to run down into the twisted portion.

Next cut the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. brass tubing into three sections, each 3 in. long. Care should be taken to cut it squarely so that the end plates will fit snugly all around its edges. Drill three holes  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. from each end and three corresponding holes in each end of the coil forms, making a template by drawing a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. circle and three radii at 120 degree angles. With one nut making the screw fast to the shield and another nut on the inside of the bakelite, the coil and shield will be a solid unit without tendency to vibrate. The inside nuts should not be so tightened as to endanger the bakelite.

Now solder the ground end of each coil (the end nearest the 23-turn tap),

to the inside of the tubular shield and solder a foot of insulated wire to the grid end and to the tap. Be sure these



*Fig. 3. Mounting Coil in Tubular Shield*

connections will not touch the frame after it has been closed up; tape them if necessary. Note the approximate location for the outlet holes and drill the end shields (the two  $2\frac{5}{8}$  x  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -in. pieces) accordingly. Lay the inductance units horizontally on the baseboard, one behind the other and equidistant from each side; run the outlet wires through the holes drilled for them in the end panels and clamp the latter together with the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. brass screws. These should be located outside the tubular shields. Two narrow brass strips, fitted over this set of inductances, will clamp it firmly to the baseboard.

To mount the condenser gang lay it on the inductance bank and mark the elevation of the shaft on the panel. Lay out the places for the screw holes according to the template and drill. Mount one socket in each corner of the baseboard, the filament rheostat in the lower right hand corner of the panel  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. from the end and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. from the bottom, and the volume control resistor in like position in the lower left hand corner.

The two .1 mfd. by-pass condensers are clamped to the baseboard by means of two long screws and a convenient strip of bakelite or brass. They are located on the left side (looking front to rear) and right up next to the coil shield. A special upright sub-panel was built

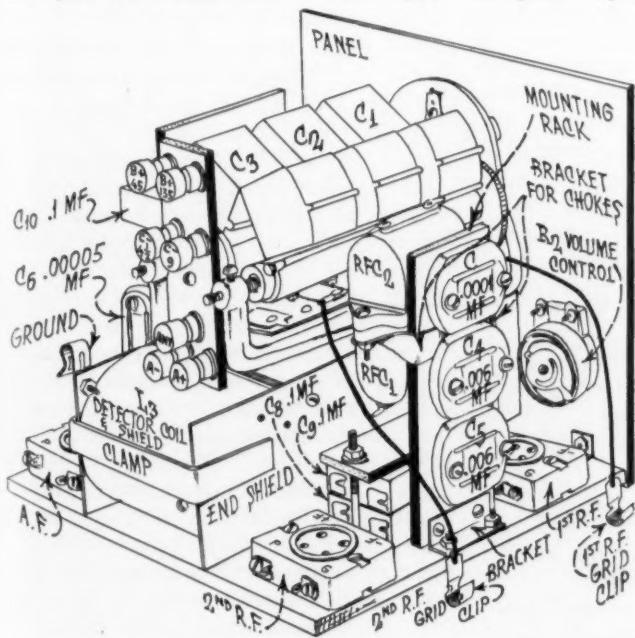
for the .0001 mfd. antenna series condenser, the two .006 mfd. r.f. coupling condensers and the two r.f. chokes in the r.f. plate circuits. This is the  $1\frac{1}{8}$  x 5-in. panel in the list of parts and needs only a wide brass angle at its base for support. The three condensers are bolted to the sub-panel, the .0001 mfd. being at the top. The two chokes are bolted together and to a strip of light aluminum which was bent around the panel (between the two top condensers) and twisted at the ends so that the chokes could be fitted onto it.

Another vertical sub-panel,  $2\frac{3}{4} \times 6$  in. in size, was installed on the right hand side of the inductance bank to hold, from bottom to top, the .5 mfd. by-pass condenser, the detector r.f. choke, the .1 mfd. a.f. coupling condenser and the plate and grid resistors. This rack is mounted like the other except that it fits closely against the right hand end shield of the coil bank. The detector socket is in the front of it and the a.f. amplifier socket to the rear. Below the .5 mfd. condenser may be seen the 4-ohm resistor which is in series with the rheostat and the screen-grid tube filaments. The .0005 mfd. detector feedback condenser is mounted alongside the detector r.f. choke.

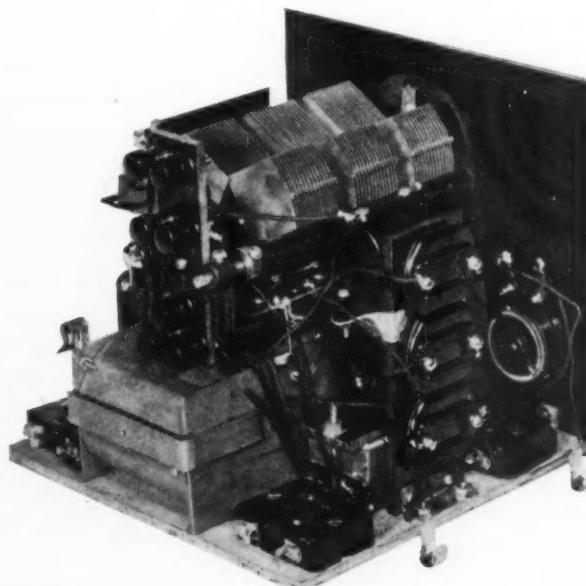
The flexible leads of the control grid clips are soldered to the terminals on the condenser gang; the pup jacks for the loudspeaker are mounted in the lower right hand corner of the front panel and all battery leads (also antenna) are brought to a small binding post strip which is bolted to the end of the condenser gang. A Fahnstock clip is bolted to the end of the right hand shield and all ground connections are soldered to various parts of this frame.

So much for construction. The set is really not a difficult one to make if the mechanical details are followed. No

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### *Right Rear Views of Portable Receiver*



# The Vital Business of Finding or Making a Job

By ROBERT S. KRUSE

ACH year at the close of school there arrive at my desk inquiries as to the best manner of finding a radio job. These letters are thoughtfully written and represent a genuine problem. That there is each year a new crop of inquiries shows that the problem is a standing one of the industry rather than of the individual.

It is a most healthy sign that the writers of these letters are concerned with "finding a job." This homely American phrase represents a lack of conceit and a willingness to work which commands respect.

The inquiry usually assumes that I am gifted with miraculous ability to determine which organization offers a satisfactory connection. Unfortunately, neither I (nor others to whom similar appeals are made) have such ability, nor do we have the blatant self-confidence to make offhand vital decisions for another.

Clearly the matter must be left in the hands of the man most concerned and the advice should confine itself severely to an attempt to equip him with such information as will permit him to



schooling has been well proportioned, that he is not stopping too soon, and that he is not under the fatal illusion that the end of school means the end of learning.

Our pupil then is shortly to walk down the school steps for the last time. He asks us to show him where he shall work and at what. He has already specified that it must be a radio "job."

Very well, Mr. Student, we regret that we cannot introduce you to employment scouts from radio firms. In older branches of the electrical art the power and communication firms annually send representatives to all technical and engineering schools, likewise to some other types of commercial schools, to invite promising candidates to join their staffs. Since the radio industry has not developed this habit, you must depend upon chance methods.

In this you are no worse off than most people when they leave school and, like them, you must use the ordinary methods of approach. If you have not, in the last year or two, managed to acquire at least a correspondence intimacy with a few responsible people in the radio industry you have been guilty of a very thoughtless and silly neglect of your own future. It is quite incredible that you have not been interested in some radio activity which would have rendered such contacts possible.

I am not in the least interested in specifying the way in which to make those contacts for *every single one of them* is the result of grasping an opportunity, and opportunities notoriously do not operate on a schedule. It is possible



make his own contacts and decisions. He then enters situations as a free agent rather than being pushed into them hastily by an adviser who is chiefly concerned with getting back to his own affairs.

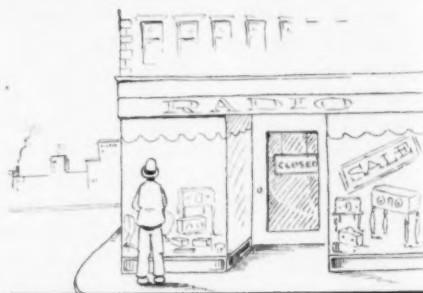
It may seem that many sorts of advice are needed in the business of going from the schoolroom to the factory engineering department, operator's table, sales department, dealer's store, research laboratory, or service department. Fortunately general rules run through all these things and are simple enough to be understood easily.

Let us begin, then, with the student in school. For the present purpose it does not matter whether his school course relates to radio, nor does it matter whether it be of grammar, high or college rank. It is only a background now, for the scholar has already come to the definite conclusion that he is done with school and ready for an active part in the radio industry. We will hope that his

here only to suggest that too much humbleness is of no use on this earth, whatever it may produce in the hereafter. If you have a question or an idea take it to the biggest man you can get hold of. If you do it earnestly you will be remembered, though the question or the idea be worthless. Naturally one must not run this thing into the ground for the purpose is not to be remembered as a pest.

The statements above are purposely made general. If you are headed for radio engineering your thoughts and questions will automatically suggest engineering contacts. If you are interested in radio operating your contacts will automatically be in that direction. If you are headed for research you belong to a closed order and need little advice. If the selling of radio is your interest please do not make the fearfully common error of believing that radio is the hard part of the game and that the business end will come by experience, direct inspiration or second sight.

The matter of entering the radio retailing field deserves a paragraph of its



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"—take your banker and lawyer into confidence."

own because of the incredibly widespread belief that it is very simple and that all the usual difficulties are moderated by the "great opportunities." A radio business is *primarily a business* and only *secondarily is it radio*. The simplest horse sense will show also that it is savagely competitive. It is plain foolhardiness to enter such a field without the best understanding that can be obtained. Before investing a cent take your banker and a reliable lawyer into your confidence. They will teach you a surprising lot of things about local and state requirements and the obligations incurred by a business man. They will also tell you a variety of things about partnerships concerning which the average person is dangerously hazy. The process will take several days and cost a lawyer's fee but may, and often will, avoid a long period of paying for a dead horse. Thus the

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# Notes on Audio Amplification

By FRANK C. JONES

THE design of an audio amplifier for use with an a.c. tube receiver depends primarily upon cost requirements. For very cheap receivers the use of two stages of cheap transformer coupled amplification is almost standard. Quite a few of the more expensive receivers use ordinary transformers which cut off above 120 cycles per second in order to reduce the hum resulting from the use of a.c. tubes. Quite often such receivers have a peak at about 150 to 200 cycles in order to mask the low frequency deficiency.

The design of audio transformers is a subject in itself. Usually the coils are wound to specification by some large company which specializes in that line. The problem of designing ample core and coil turns for good low frequency response, or as good as can be allowed in view of the a.c. hum problem, is important. Cost of copper wire and core material of either high grade silicon steel or some nickel-steel alloy generally limits the low frequency response so far as the manufacturer is concerned. The advertising department of the company should be able to thoroughly mask any such deficiencies by glowing advertisements, considering the public as merely suckers. That is the usual procedure.

Fortunately each year brings forth slight improvements in order to meet competition. This year the power detector seems to be aiding this problem by eliminating one stage of audio amplification with its attendant frequency and phase distortion. But it has to be properly used in order to derive its full benefits. The *C* bias type cannot be used with cheap audio transformer coupling because of its high plate impedance. The audio transformer should be exceptionally good if both high and low frequencies are to be maintained. Most transformers depend for their high frequency response upon resonance between the secondary capacities and the leakage reactance. Since the tube plate impedance is in series with this effective leakage reactance, a high resistance will reduce the resonance peak with corresponding loss in high frequencies.

Shunting the primary with a resistance, as in the Radiola power detector receivers, tends to minimize the low and high frequency loss due to the high tube impedance. If this resistance is low enough to be really effective, it causes a serious loss in audio frequencies and a bad harmonic distortion due to the tube's operating into too low a load impedance. Unless this resistance is at least 50,000 ohms the tube will operate over a bad plate characteristic loop.

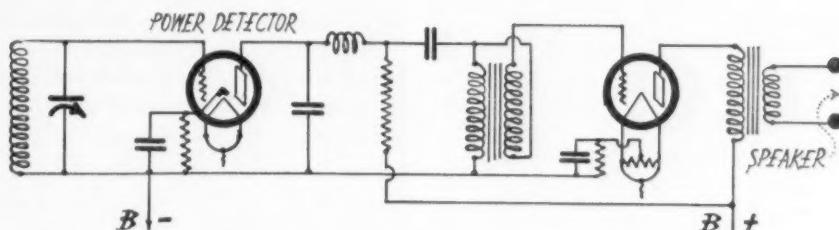


Fig. 1. Resonated Primary for One Audio Stage With Power Detector

Resonating the primary, Fig. 1, at a low frequency gives better results, since the low frequency response is very good, with proper design. A transformer generally gives better results than resistance or impedance coupling because of its greater gain. Gain is essential for dx reception.

By designing the audio transformer coils with low secondary grid end capacity to primary and to ground, the high frequency response may be very good. Such results may be obtained by extending the grid end of the secondary winding beyond the primary an eighth of an inch or so, or by sandwiching the primary winding between two halves of the secondary. The latter arrangement gives lower leakage reactance. The use of cores made up entirely of nickel-steel alloys also offers a good possibility and the cost may be made comparable to the usual bulky iron core audio transformer.

By using heater type tubes throughout, except for the power tube, and using a very good filtering system in the power supply unit, good audio transformers may be used in the more usual two-stage arrangement. Here with grid-leak detection, the tube plate impedances are low enough so that very good high and low frequency response may be obtained.

To obtain really good results it is desirable to use filters as shown in Fig. 2. The arrangement shown was designed for use with the type '45 power tube. The dynamic loudspeaker field acts as a filter choke to cut a.c. hum and also to

keep the audio currents of the power tube plate circuit out of the detector and first audio stage circuits. The detector filter circuit acts to keep the voltage down to about 45 volts as well as to prevent feedback from the first audio stage. The improvement in low frequency response is rather astonishing when using such simple audio filter schemes. Grid return filters are desirable, but in consideration of the cost for additional bypass condensers and resistors, are out of the question in most designs.

Even a set which uses poor quality audio transformers may have a bad hum in its output if the power transformer field links the coils of the audio transformers. It takes very little linkage to cause an appreciable hum in a two-stage system and therein lies one of the main advantages of the power detector and one-stage system. The public is fast tiring of listening to a loud a.c. hum accompaniment to all of the music and speech. The demand is also growing for true low frequency response as well as good high frequency response. There is a world of difference between true low frequency response and the apparent low frequency response which is being given the public in most modern receivers. The apparent response may give lots of "boom" but becomes very tiresome after an hour or so of listening to it.

Another form of distortion, which is difficult to measure in audio amplifiers, is a phase distortion due to the fact that the load impedances are not pure resis-

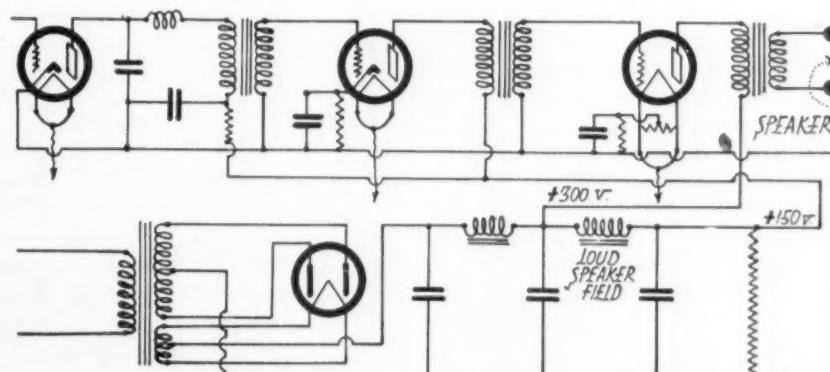


Fig. 2. Audio Filter for Improving Low Frequency Response With Grid-Leak Detector and '45 Tube in Last Audio Stage

tive loads. Bad phase distortion, for instance, occurs in the transcontinental broadcasts where from 10 to 15 two-stage amplifiers are used at the repeater stations across the United States. The frequency response is usually good, being very flat from 100 to 5000 cycles. The equalization is better than any radio receiver audio system and yet the quality is often bad. The answer is phase distortion. Music is made up of many frequencies and a phase shift of part of these frequencies changes the relative harmonic response and so changes the timbre of any musical instrument. We identify one instrument from another by their relative harmonics and overtones.

Transformer coupled audio systems are particularly bad offenders in this respect. Resistance and impedance coupled amplifiers are not so bad, though there is some trouble on high frequencies due to the tube capacities and shunt capacities. This form of distortion can be minimized by using some such circuit

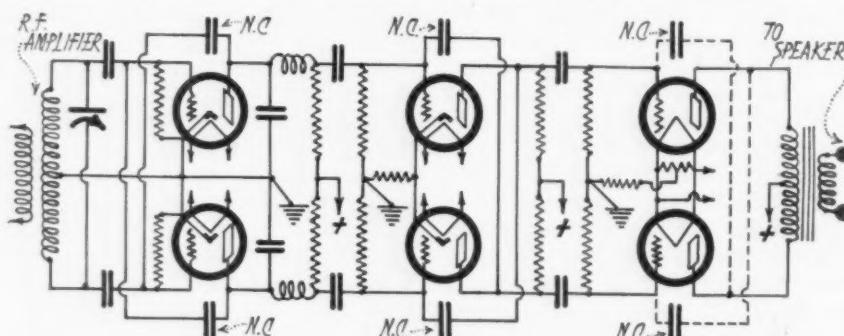


Fig. 3. Circuit for Minimizing High Frequency Distortion in Resistance or Impedance Coupled Amplifiers

as shown in Fig. 3. This scheme is probably quite a bit in advance of present-day design since it uses neutralizing condensers to neutralize the grid to plate capacity of the tubes. Neutralizing this capacity reduces the tube input capacity down from 75 or 100 mmfd. to about 5 mmfd. Screen grid tubes are ideal for this use except for their high cost.

The scheme shown in Fig. 3 can be modified to that shown in Fig. 4, where push-pull screen grid power detectors are used to work into two '45 power tubes in push-pull. Here in order to get away from a tuning condenser with both stator and rotor plates insulated from ground, an untuned r.f. transformer is used. Such a transformer may be designed to give greatest amplification on the upper wavelengths in order to compensate for the usual falling characteristic of most r.f. amplifiers. Such a receiver would normally have three or four stages of radio frequency amplification and would give excellent audio quality if the r.f. tuning circuits were either broadly tuned or staggered very slightly. The latter would prevent high audio frequency attenuation due to side band cutting. The advantage of push-pull amplifica-

tion is in the elimination of the even harmonics, since in a balanced system these cancel out. Grid detection is used so that the detector tubes act as audio push-pull amplifiers.

Perhaps a few figures on amounts of amplification would be desirable. Suppose one watt of output power was desirable in operating a good dynamic loudspeaker. The power output of a vacuum tube can be expressed as  $P = \frac{\mu^2 e_g^2 r_0}{(r_0 + r_p)^2}$  where  $P$  = power output in watts  $\mu$  = amplification constant of tube.  $e_g$  = r. m. s. input grid voltage.  $r_0$  = load resistance.  $r_p$  = plate resistance.

With a dynamic loudspeaker the load is approximately a pure resistance, except at high frequencies, so this load can be considered as a pure resistance for approximate calculations. For maximum undistorted output the load resistance should be twice that of the tube or  $r_0 = 2r_p$ . This gives

radio signal is 10 microvolts per meter and the antenna has an effective height of 4 meters. The input to the receiver would then be 40 microvolts. The problem would be, how much amplification is necessary to provide a 27-volt swing to the power tube?

The apparent overall amplification would be  $27 \div 40 \times 10^{-6} = 675,000$ . This is the apparent amplification necessary since it would depend upon the percentage of modulation. For example, the apparent overall gain would be the same but the r.f. gain, or audio gain, would have to be greater for a carrier signal modulated to a small percentage.

Working backward, assuming a two-stage audio amplifier using transformers with an effective turn ratio of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  to 1, the amplifier input would have to be

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$\frac{27}{2\frac{1}{4} \times 8 \times 2\frac{1}{4}}$  = .45 volts. The '27 tube detector using grid-leak detection and operated at its most sensitive point delivers an audio plate voltage of  $e_p = 17 \times 2A^2 B$  where  $A$  = average amplitude of the modulated radio frequency e. m. f. and  $B$  is the percentage modulation. Assuming 80% modulation as an average value used at the present time by the newest W. E. installations, this equation gives  $.45 = 17 \times 2 \times A^2 \times .80$ .

$$A = .128 \text{ volts.}$$

In case the detector tube is adjusted for best audio quality output this value should be increased about 25%. The r.f. gain necessary, then, is  $.128 \div 40 \times 10^{-6} = 3200$ . This could be obtained by means of either a three or four-stage r.f. amplifier, depending upon whether or not an untuned antenna input was used.

The r.f. amplification necessary with power detection using a '27 tube and a transformer having an effective ratio of 2.5 to 1 can be calculated easily.  $27 \div 2.5 = 10.8$  volts output of the detector. Using C bias power detection the r.f. input would be about as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 10.8 &= 2.1 \times 2 \times A^2 \times .80 \\ A &= 1.8 \text{ volts input.} \end{aligned}$$

This apparently requires  $1.8 \div .128 = 14$  times as much r.f. amplification. Actually the detector tuned input circuit voltage would be higher in the case of the

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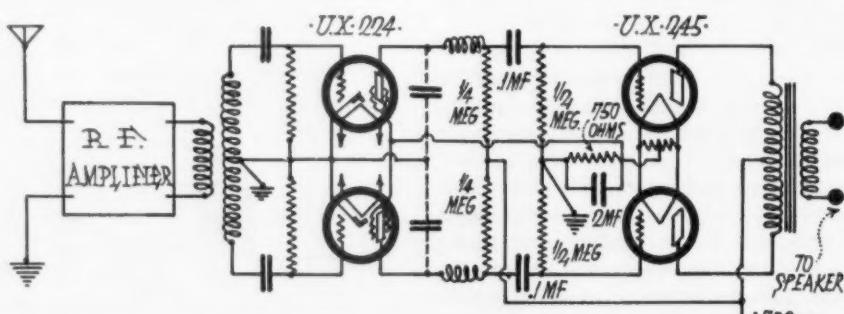


Fig. 4. Circuit for Screen-Grid Power Detector and '45 Tube Amplifier, Both in Push-Pull

# Taking a Tip From the Talkies

By C. STERLING GLEASON

EVER since the day that the movies emerged from their prolonged infancy and began to talk, motion picture producers have been adopting many methods of radio broadcasters. Microphones have sprung up like mushrooms all over the land; mixing panels and equalizing pads have taken their place beside cameras and Kleigs; expensive film heroes, no less than radio announcers, have learned to fear cold drafts and tonsillitis, as well as to eschew uppercuts to the jaw and collisions with doors in the dark; blonde curls and classic Grecian profiles have become as naught beside resonant baritones, lilting lisps, and silver syllables. Radio talent has flocked in droves to the casting offices, and screen tests have become auditions. But it is a long worm that has no turning, and now radio broadcasters are beginning to pay close attention to the many technical triumphs of the film industry.

It was soon apprehended, back in the earliest days of picture projection, that cash customers could scarcely be expected to have patience to wait while the operator periodically changed reels of film. Forthwith evolved a technique of continuous projection through duplicate machines loaded with alternate reels of film, which were faded into one another to form a continuous picture. The same technique was applied to phonograph records, and thus was born the Vitaphone. And now it has been transplanted to the broadcast studio. From station KNX, located upon the Paramount Pictures' lot at Hollywood, was recently broadcast a half-hour's continuous program transcribed electrically upon five double-faced phonograph records. Only by the announcement was the listener aware that he was listening to a recorded program. As in sound picture projection, the changing of records could not be detected by the ear.

The instrument used in this new process, which is called the "Soatone," after its inventor, Mr. Raymond Soat, president of the National Radio Advertising Corporation, comprises an electrically-driven phonograph with two turntables and specially constructed, duplicate tone-arms, to each of which is attached a dial calibrated to correspond to the grooves of the record. Thus, any portion of the disk may be located by the reading of the indicator, and referred to again at will simply by setting the tone-arm over the proper groove. The operator is supplied with a cue sheet indicating the dial settings for each record. When the program is to go on the air, one turntable is started, and the

tone-arm set to the indicator number as cued. But the needle does not fall into the groove, for it is held suspended a fraction of an inch above the record by an electromagnet. The moment of the broadcast arrives; the tone-arm pickup is thrown on the air; the operator turns a switch which opens the six-volt circuit energizing the electromagnet, allowing the needle to drop into the groove, and the program has begun.

Meanwhile, the operator places the second record upon the other turntable, and sets the tone-arm to the groove number indicated by the cue sheet. The electromagnet holds the needle away from the record, and this second tone-arm is not yet placed upon the air. A key to the first and last portions of the record are given upon the cue sheet, and as the operator notes the needle of the indicator approaching the number that marks the end of the record, he stands by with his hand upon the changeover switch. As the last word of the record sounds and the indicator touches the designated number, he gives the switch a half-turn. The microphone leads are cut over to the second tone-arm, and simultaneously electromagnet No. 2 is released, allowing the needle to enter the groove. Without a break in the continuity of the program, record number two has been placed on the air, while the first tone-arm, its needle drawn up out of playing position by the electromagnet, stands ready for record No. 3. A small cushion air-chamber retards the fall of the tone-arm so that the needle sinks gradually into the groove without perceptible jar, and the transfer of the electrical connections is made practically instantaneously so that the listener detects no change.

The future of this new method is the subject of much discussion among broadcasters and advertisers. One of the chief questions is whether or not the process will largely displace the chains. The great bulk of the entertainment now being broadcast—musical selections, plays, dialogues, skits, etc., has no particular time element which makes it imperative that it be put on the air immediately. Such items, having no news value, are equally good and just as entertaining a week or a month from today as now, and for that reason lend themselves well to recording.

Witness, then, the economy of a "chain" broadcast through Soatone methods. Instead of costly long distance, high-quality telephones lines, leased at tremendous cost and superintended by scores of trained technical men, let the method of transportation from the orig-

inating studio, be the air-mail. Today the artist comes to the studio, rehearses, and performs before a microphone which transcribes his work to wax. Perhaps a number of records may be made, and from these the best is selected. Careful editing is possible, and the finished work is technically perfect when it is used as a matrix for striking off facsimiles. Tomorrow, to stations participating in the broadcast, go wax reproductions of the program, to be released at a specified date, when all are put on simultaneously and we have in effect a chain broadcast no different from a wire hookup.

However, there are some types of programs which must be broadcast on the spot, else they lose their chief value, timeliness. A political convention, a football game, all items whose interest lies in their timeliness, must be handled immediately, and for such program material, the chain is supreme.

Will movie methods of distribution eventually be adopted for the dissemination of programs? This prospect seems very promising because of its economic significance. Perhaps the future may see a system of centrally located stations, affiliated in much the same way as the present chains, which will serve as "first run" stations for new feature programs. Just as the "first run" theatres make a special effort to be the first in their respective localities to present new films, and accordingly pay premium rates for the latest releases, so the first-run stations could bear the greater part of the expense of the broadcasts. Then the records could be circulated among other stations not specializing in ultra-new programs, at lower rates. Thus a local merchant could sponsor a Paderewski program—something he would never otherwise be able to do.

Such an arrangement would be a boon to public and broadcasters alike. The general sharing of expenses would make available the very best talent obtainable. To stations in remote districts, it would bring programs of a grade otherwise entirely out of their reach. To these regions, where program material is scarce and not of the best quality, it would bring all the radio advantages now enjoyed exclusively by urban dwellers.

Today, a program goes forth into space, never to return. If it could be brought back again, to give pleasure to other thousands, then would it yield the utmost of good to the world. Because the Soatone requires no expensive system of wire linkage, much wider circulation of programs can be achieved without correspondingly greater cost. At present, the cost of a chain broadcast varies

approximately with the area covered. With Soatone distribution, national coverage costs no more than state-wide service. Even more complete use of the material might be made because time zone differences might be equalized.

A coast-to-coast chain broadcast passes through four time-zones, with three hours' difference between the ends of the chain. But at certain hours of the evening the radio audience is greatest, and therefore the maximum number of listeners cannot be reached in all zones at the same time. But a program to be released at, say, eight o'clock *local standard time* would reach the largest group in each zone. Moreover, the listener who did not care to hear this program would not find it, as is often the case, at a dozen points on the dial at the same time. On the other hand, listeners who enjoyed the broadcast and wished to hear it again might do so by tuning in an hour later on a station in the next time zone west.

Will the Soatone meet with opposition among musicians and radio artists, who will find recorded programs cutting down the demand for their services? The answer is probably to be seen in the analogous situation in the motion picture field since the introduction of talkies. The usual minimum rates for screen extras were formerly five to seven dollars, and for musicians ten dollars, per day. But when the talkies came, although fewer actors were found able to meet the requirements of sound pictures, the minimum rate for musicians and actors rose to the vicinity of forty dollars per day. Although not so many engagements might be made, the artist might demand more for a single program than for a number of performances at present rates.

A valuable feature of the recorded program is that historic events may be broadcast and yet preserved for posterity. KNX, for example, is planning to make a series of records, including President Hoover's inaugural address, of presidential speeches, to be called "America's Presidents." In future years, such records as these may be of great value to the world. Imagine the educational value of such a series if it could have been made throughout the history of our country, down through the long line of presidents from Washington to Hoover! A library of important broadcasts of each station would grow through the years into a valuable literature of the history of radio broadcasting.

The quality of program capable of being rendered by the Soatone is shown by the fact that the Federal Radio Commission, which has required that all phonograph records broadcast be announced as such, has waived the rule in the case of the Soatone—feeling, evidently, that no deception of the public was involved, in view of the excellent quality of the broadcast.

## Chart for Design of Band-Pass Filters

By C. A. KUHLMANN

THE design of a band-pass filter for use in a superheterodyne receiver requires the knowledge of several factors which are ordinarily calculated from formulas. The method of deriving these formulas was described by Raymond J. Thorpe in RADIO for May and June, 1926, and their practical application was illustrated by Arthur Hobart in the June, 1928, issue.

The labor of making the necessary calculations for 25 to 60 k.c. filters may be avoided by using the nomograph on the following page. This chart is based upon the formulas mentioned and gives results which check closely with those reached by calculation. Examination of this chart will show that it consists of a number of vertical scales which correspond to the various factors and constants used in designing the filter.

The first scale at the left is marked "filter impedance" from 6000 to 20,000 ohms. This is the impedance of the complete filter and is used to determine the values of the capacitances and inductances which make up the filter. This impedance should be about one-half that of the vacuum tube which feeds into the filter, this value being obtained from the published tables of tube characteristics. It is one of the two quantities which must be known before the design constants can be determined.

The output impedances of tubes which are used as intermediate frequency amplifiers depend upon the type of tube and the plate voltage and are given in the tables of tube characteristics. The value of the resistor  $R$  should be equal to the output impedance of its associated tube, and as this is in parallel with the impedance of the tube, the total input impedance is half that of the tube.

The second known quantity is the upper limit of the frequency band which the filter is to pass. This is equal to the frequency to which the i. f. transformers are tuned *plus* half the width of the band to be passed. Thus the upper limit of a 10 k.c. band for a 45 k.c. super is  $45 + 10/2 = 50$  k. c. The scale at the extreme right of the chart gives such upper limit frequencies from 30 to 60 k.c.

The scale immediately to the left of this last scale also gives the upper frequency limits as well as the lower frequency limits, these being equal to the

i.f. frequency minus half the width of the band. The intersection of each upper limit frequency line with each lower limit frequency line is marked with a small circle, from which a short horizontal line extends to the heavy vertical line at the right of this scale. This last point of intersection is used in the determination of the series capacitance of the receiver.

The chart contains three other scales, marked "parallel capacitance," "series capacitance" and "parallel inductance." The series capacitance is that of  $C_1$  in Fig 1, being doubled for  $2C_1$ . The parallel capacitance is that of  $C_2$  and the parallel inductance that of  $L_2$ , these being double scales for either a 10 or a 15 k.c. band. All that is necessary to determine the proper values for these constants is to connect a straight edge from the proper point on the left hand scale to the proper point on the right hand scale and then to read the values intersected on the intervening scales.

To find, for example, the proper values of  $C_2$  and  $L_2$  for a 45 k.c. super with 10 k.c. selectivity, with a 10,000 ohm impedance in the filter, connect 10 on the left hand scale with 50 on the right hand scale and read .00254 mfd. for  $C_2$  on the 10 k.c. scale of the parallel capacitance scale and 4. mil-henries on the parallel inductance scale. To find the value of  $C_1$  it is necessary to use the fifth scale which shows both the upper and lower frequency limits. Thus for a 10 k.c. band in a 45 k.c. super the upper limit is 50 k.c. and the lower limit is 40 k.c. The extension of the intersection of the lines showing these limits to a vertical line of the scale then becomes the right hand point to which the straight edge from 10 on the left hand scale is connected. This cuts the third or series capacitance scale at .000358 mfd., which is the value for  $C_1$ .

The values for frequencies beyond the limits of the chart, as well as for those given, may be figured from the formulas:

$$C_1 = \frac{.1592 (f_1 + f_2)}{f_1 f_2 Z}, \quad C_2 = \frac{.318 f_1}{f_2 (f_2 - f_1) Z}$$

$$L_2 = \frac{.0796 (f_2 - f_1) Z}{f_1 f_2}$$

where  $f_1$  is the lower cut-off frequency,

$f_2$  the upper cut-off frequency, and  $Z$  is

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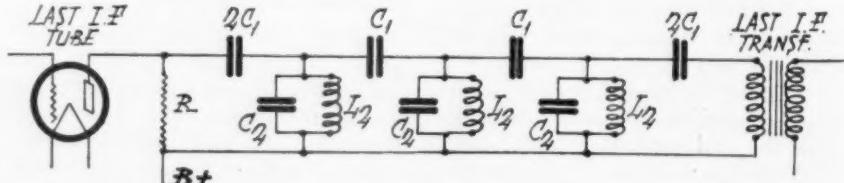
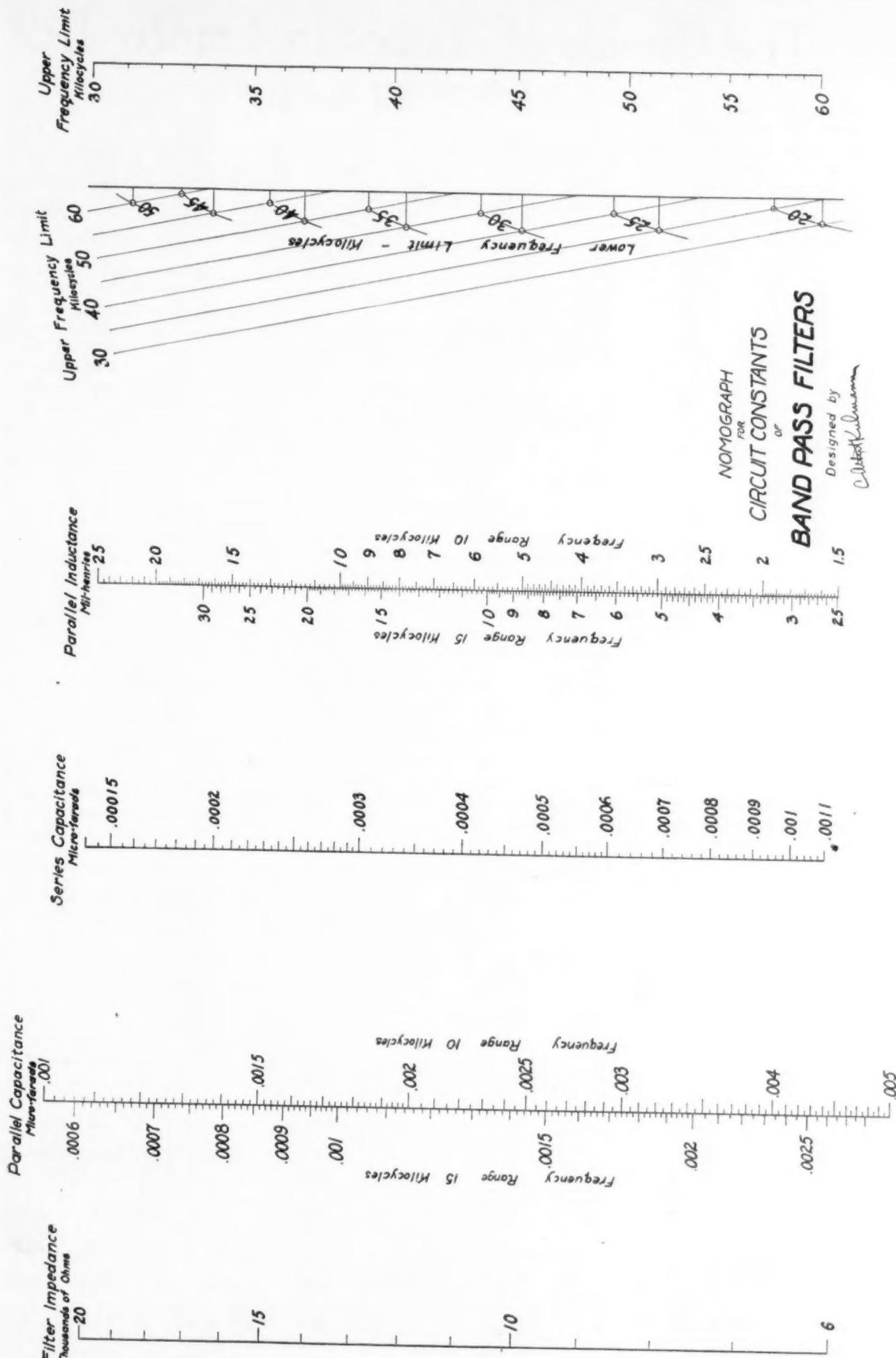


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Band Pass Filter



See Preceding Page for Explanation

# The Choice of Tubes in France

By R. RAVEN-HART

THE amateur in France has an embarrassing choice of "lamps," ranging from the old two-element (plate and filament) to the most elaborate combinations conceivable. To begin with, there are the ordinary triodes, in types that correspond to all the American tubes, but almost exclusively designed for a 4-volt filament battery (and, of course, with the European type of base). Then there are the European patterns of the screen-grid tubes, with the difference that the terminal on the top of the bulb is that of the plate, thus making the physical separation of the grid and plate circuits easier. There is also the audio frequency screen-grid tube, with its third grid to neutralize the secondary emission from the plate. And there are the various types of a.c. tubes.

Besides these, and apart from freak tubes that are practically unprocureable, there are some interesting tubes that have gained for themselves great popularity.

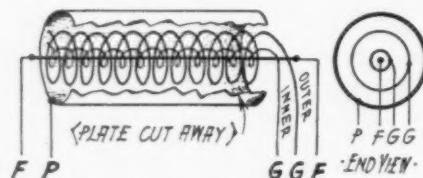


Fig. 1. Double Grid Tube

First and foremost is the double-grid tube or "bigrille," where the two grids are similar in construction. Fig. 1 shows a standard type, with the usual straight filament, the two grids in spiral form round it, and the cylindrical plate. These tubes are used to a certain extent as "anti-space-charge" tubes, in circuits such as that of Fig. 2, the presence of

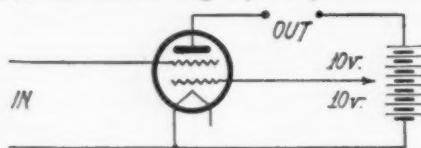


Fig. 2. Circuit for Double Grid Tube used for "Anti-Space-Charge"

the positive inner grid reducing the internal resistance and allowing low  $B$  voltages to be used, or even "Solodyne" circuits without  $B$  batteries; but their principal use is as the frequency-changer in superheterodynes, strobodynes, etc.

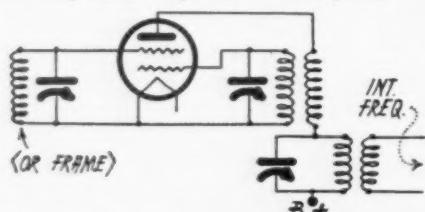


Fig. 3. Circuit for Double Grid Tube used as Frequency-Changer in Superheterodyne

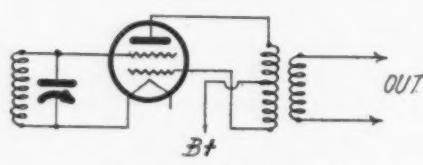


Fig. 4. Isodyne Circuit

(Fig. 3). It is in fact quite rare to find a French super not using a "bigrille" tube.

Another favorite use of these tubes is in the so-called "Isodyne" circuit (Fig.

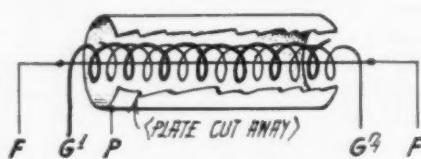


Fig. 5. "Mixed Grid" Tube

4), which is practically self-neutralized, this being used very successfully in the intermediate-frequency stages of supers, and also to a certain extent for audio-frequency amplification.

Both as frequency-changer and as isodyne, as also for the host of reflex, super-regeneration, etc. circuits, where the two grids play independent parts, the "mixed grid" tube (Fig. 5) presents advantages over the "two-grid" tube. Here the two grids are interwoven with each other, so to speak, so that there is no "inner" or "outer" grid. This type cannot be used as an "anti-space-charge" tube, of course.

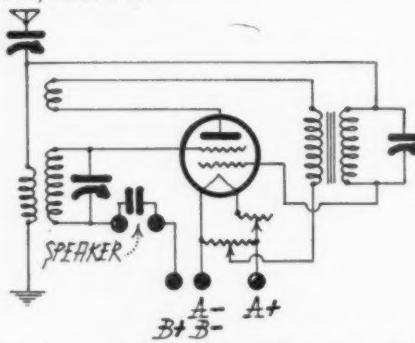


Fig. 6. Reflex Circuit with One Double Grid Tube as R.F. Detector and A.F. Amplifier

Fig. 6 may serve as an example of a reflex circuit. It is supposed to give r.f. amplification, detection (by anode bend), and audio-frequency amplification; and although there may be some doubt as to how it works, it actually does work quite passably.

Fig. 7 represents the next stage of development, the triple-grid tube. Here the construction is the same as that of Fig. 1, plus an extra spiral grid. The special advantage of this tube is again as the frequency-changer in a super, since it allows the separation of the two

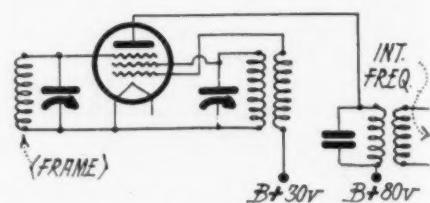


Fig. 7. Triple Grid Tube in Frequency-Changer Circuit of Superheterodyne

jobs that the tube has to carry out, the oscillator feed-back to produce the local frequency, and the supply of the beat frequency to the intermediate stages. One can even go a stage further and add regeneration (Fig. 8), which is quite impossible with a two-grid tube. It should be noted that in either case the inner grid is positive, so that there

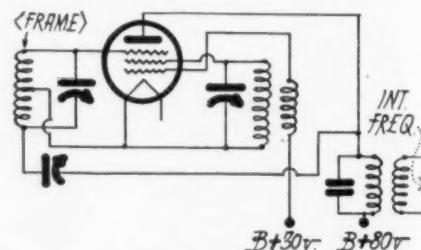


Fig. 8. Triple Grid Tube with Regeneration in Frequency-Changer Circuit of Superheterodyne

is a considerable amount of "anti-space-charge" action present, in addition to the principal function of this grid in supplying the oscillator feed-back.

There are also two interesting types of tube with two grids and two plates.

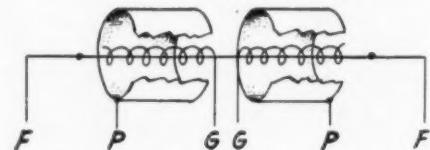


Fig. 9. Double Tube with Common Filament

In one of these, (Fig. 9), the tube practically corresponds to two tubes with a common filament, since each grid affects one plate only. Such tubes are particularly suitable for "back-to-back" radio-

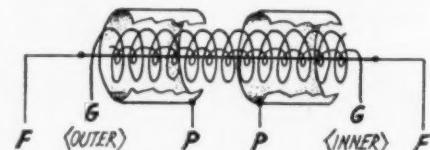


Fig. 10. Two Grids Affect Both Plates

frequency and "push-pull" audio-frequency amplification.

The other type (Fig. 10), has also one filament, two grids, and two plates; but here both grids affect both plates instead of each grid having its own plate.

# Radio Picture Transmission and Reception

Photoelectric Equipment and Methods for Visual Communication

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## PHOTO-CELL EXPERIMENTS

PHOTOELECTRIC cells are used either to make various physical measurements or to operate other electrical apparatus. For one purpose or the other, many circuit arrangements may be employed, but the one that is most satisfactory for a specific application should be selected after some experimentation. The lay-out board described here has been found convenient for such work, and the circuits given are those fundamentally adapted to different purposes.

The essential apparatus includes a sensitive relay and a milliammeter, both of which will either operate or give satisfactory readings with the current flowing in the plate circuit of a vacuum tube. However, where it is necessary to measure the photo-currents directly, a microammeter or electrometer must be used, although this can ordinarily be dispensed with by amplifying the current. Furthermore, if one has the required skill, a sensitive relay can be made by supplying contacts to a good loudspeaker unit or to a milliammeter.

It will probably be found convenient to lay out the experimental board as shown in the drawing on this page. By using flexible leads, various circuit combinations can be quickly tried out.

The photoelectric cell is inclosed in a separate box and hence does not form an integral part of the equipment. It is often convenient to fit the box in which the cell is contained with an iris diaphragm and shutter, like that of a camera, in order to control the illumination and to vary the time of exposure to light. This latter is not entirely necessary, but it is advisable to paint the inside of the box a dead black to prevent the various effects of reflected light.

The fundamental circuit for employing the output of a photoelectric cell is

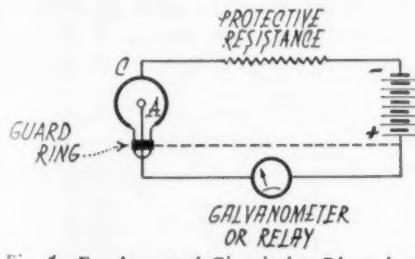
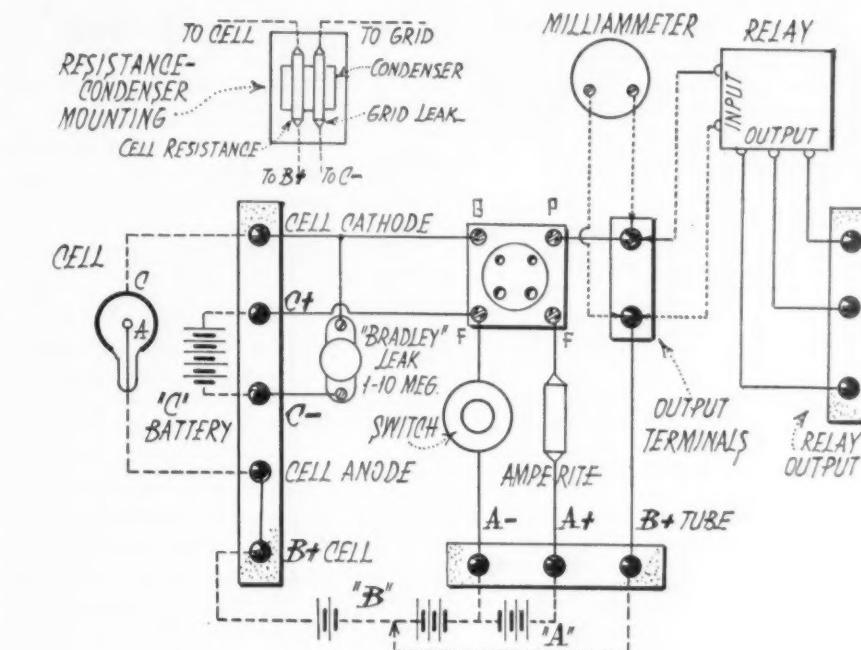


Fig. 1. Fundamental Circuit for Photoelectric Cell

shown in Fig. 1. Here the cathode of the cell is connected through a high resistance to the negative side of a battery, the voltage of which may be anywhere from 50 to 500 volts, depending entirely on the



Layout for Photo-Cell Experiments

type of cell, the electrode arrangement, and the composition of the gaseous atmosphere. This operating voltage is usually indicated by the manufacturer of the cell. The positive side of the battery is connected to a high resistance moving coil galvanometer or to a sensitive relay, and this to the anode of the cell. The protective resistance, which may have a value from 5000 to 50,000 ohms, depending also on the type of cell, is absolutely necessary when using gas-filled alkali metal cells to prevent a glow discharge if large potentials are accidentally applied. The occurrence of the glow may ruin the cell and probably wreck delicate apparatus in the circuit. If the cell has a guard ring, it may be connected to the positive side of the battery, as shown by the dotted line, to reduce leakage currents across the glass bulb.

If the current-voltage characteristic is not given in a graph supplied by the manufacturer, this can be plotted from the data obtained by placing the cell in a circuit such as Fig. 2. Employing a constant source of illumination, the photo-currents for various applied voltages may

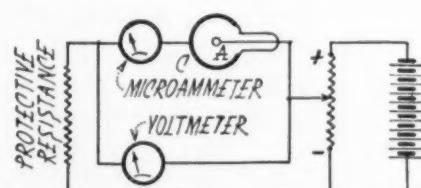


Fig. 3. Circuit with Electrometer for Delicate Measurements

be read off on the sensitive microammeter. In a gas-filled cell, when the current is found to increase very rapidly for a small increase in voltage, the glow point is rapidly being approached. In general, it may be said that the cell should be operated about 10 volts below the glow point for the particular intensity of light falling upon the cathode. In many cases, however, it is of advantage to operate the cell well below the glow point, since slight fluctuations in the battery potential will have less effect on the current output of the cell. This is always practical where great sensitivity is not required.

For delicate physical methods, an electrometer is often preferable to the galvanometer. This may be used as shown

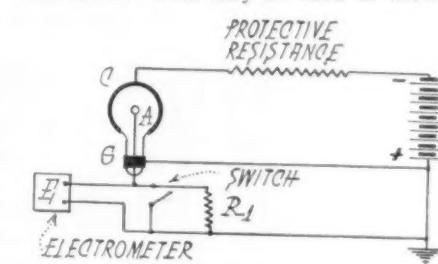


Fig. 4. Layout for Photo-Cell Experiments

in Fig. 3. The circuit is much the same as that of Fig. 1. The switch is employed as a contact to ground for the electrometer,  $R_1$  is a high resistance leak, the value of which may range from  $5 \times 10^6$  to more than  $10^{10}$  ohms. A mix-

ture of xylene and absolute alcohol inclosed in a U-shaped capillary tube with an adjustable wire immersion has been recommended for this purpose as commercial leaks of this value are difficult to obtain. Even greater sensitivity may be obtained by removing the leak and "measuring the time required for a specified deflection from zero, care being taken to ensure constant capacity of the electrometer and the connecting wires." In this case the time intervals will be inversely proportional to the intensity of the light. The guard ring connection is absolutely essential in this circuit.

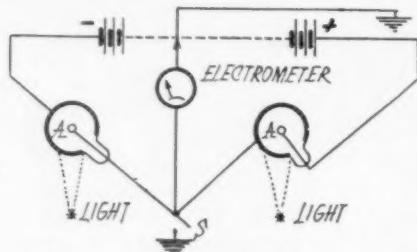


Fig. 4. Null Method of Measuring Photoelectric Current

Fig. 4 illustrates the "null method" of measuring photoelectric currents using an electrometer and two photo-cells in a Wheatstone bridge arrangement. This method avoids the question as to whether there is a strict proportionality between the light and the cell output. W. W. Coblenz (*Bureau of Standards Sci. Paper No. 319; 1918*) describes this and similar methods fully.

Although the foregoing methods are often used for highly accurate work, which usually resolves itself into a matter of simplicity of design, it is by means of vacuum tube amplifiers that cells are most effectively employed in applications such as talking moving pictures, picture transmission and for the operation of relays. Two general types of amplifiers can be used. In some cases, it is necessary to amplify direct or slowly changing currents; in others, where the light fluctuates at rates comparable with audio or radio frequency currents, it is necessary to amplify high frequency currents.

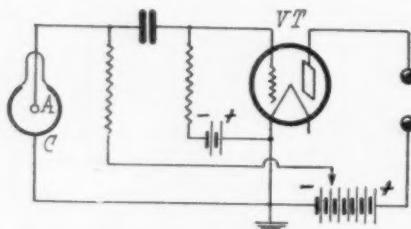


Fig. 5. Resistance-Capacitance Coupling of Cell and Tube

Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate the common methods of coupling a cell and vacuum tube for sound reproducing apparatus and visual communication work. The first circuit is a resistance-capacitance coupled amplifier and the second is transformer coupled, differing in no way from

the arrangements employed in radio receivers.

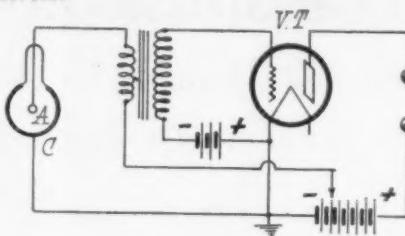


Fig. 6. Transformer Coupling of Cell and Tube

For direct current amplification, neither the transformer nor the condenser method can be used. For this pur-

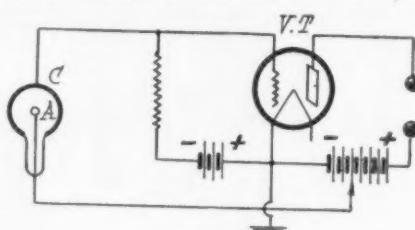


Fig. 7. Direct Current Amplifier

pose, the arrangement shown in Fig. 7 must be employed. Morecroft ("Principles of Radio Communication," pp. 970-971) has described such systems, and they have been considered in this department in reference to still picture transmission.

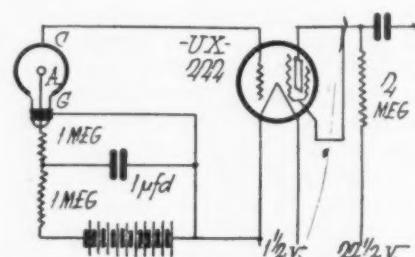


Fig. 8. Screen-Grid Amplifier with Guard Ring

The advantages of the shield grid tube (UX-222) have also been recognized. Figs. 8 and 9 show different methods of coupling. In Fig. 8, the guard ring is employed as well as a 1 megohm resist-

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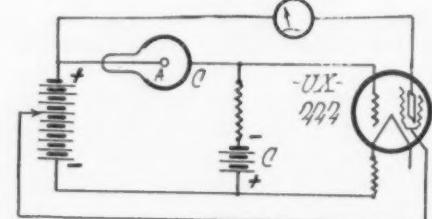


Fig. 9. Screen-Grid Amplifier Coupling

tance and a 1 mfd. condenser, these latter being employed as a filter circuit to allow the battery to be placed outside of the shielding when it is necessary to place the apparatus in a separate compartment to reduce leakage currents and to prevent the effects of stray electric currents.

In all of the above cases where a C-battery is used, it should be adjusted so that only a small current flows in the plate circuit of the tube when the cell is in total darkness. When strict proportionality is desired between the light which falls on the cell and the output of the amplifier, the vacuum tube must operate only on the straight portion of its characteristic curve.

It is also possible to dispense with dry batteries and to operate both cell and tube either directly or indirectly from the house current. Several circuits were given on page 25, November, 1928, RADIO, describing circuits for constructing a photoelectric "power amplifier," using a Raytheon rectifier tube. The

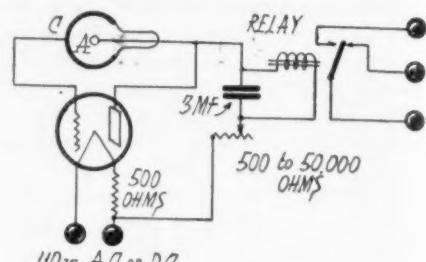


Fig. 10. Photoelectric Power Amplifier

circuit shown in Fig. 10 is less stable than this, although it has the advantage that both the tube and cell can be supplied with 100-volt alternating or direct current. In addition to the apparatus already mentioned, there is required a 500 to 50,000 ohm variable resistance for adjusting the plate voltage and a Ward Leonard (Type EB) 500 ohm vitrohm resistor for limiting the filament supply. The latter gets very warm and should not be placed in a closed compartment.

Thus far we have only spoken of circuits used for photoelectric cells of the alkali metal type. Selenium cells can also be used in arrangements similar to those shown above with some slight modifications. However, such cells rarely require any amplification for the applications for which they are suitable, and the diagram of Fig. 1 is the usual one employed. The selenium cell is rarely polarized and can be connected in any way in the circuit.

Liquid photo-voltaic cells (i. e., those which generate their own e. m. f.) are also used in the simple series circuit, or

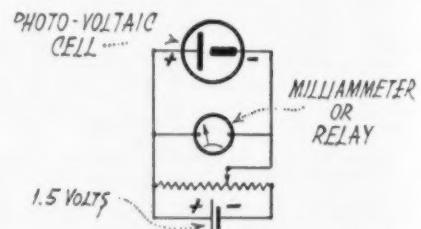
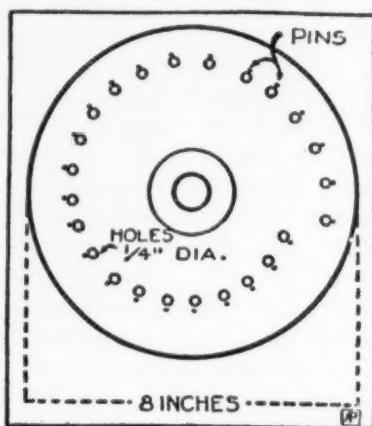


Fig. 11. Circuit for Photo-Voltaic Cell

as in Fig. 11, an arrangement recommended by one manufacturer of these cells.

## **COOLEY TELEVISION SYSTEM**

A simple way of converting the Cooley still picture receiver for the reception of television signals has been suggested by William Barzee of New York. The essence of the idea is to dispense with the conventional neon tube and the usual form of scanning disc, using in their stead the corona discharge (as in the reception of photographs) and an 8-in. disc which, in addition to a spiral of holes, has a small pin placed behind each of the apertures, Fig. 1.



*Fig. 1. Disc Used in Television Reproduction With a Corona Discharge*

The additional apparatus required and the adaption of the Cooley oscillator-amplifier are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. By inserting a 9-pole switch in the latter, the system may be used for receiving either still or moving images. In television reception, the synchronizing

circuit is not employed, the substitute for this control being a rheostat in series with the motor.

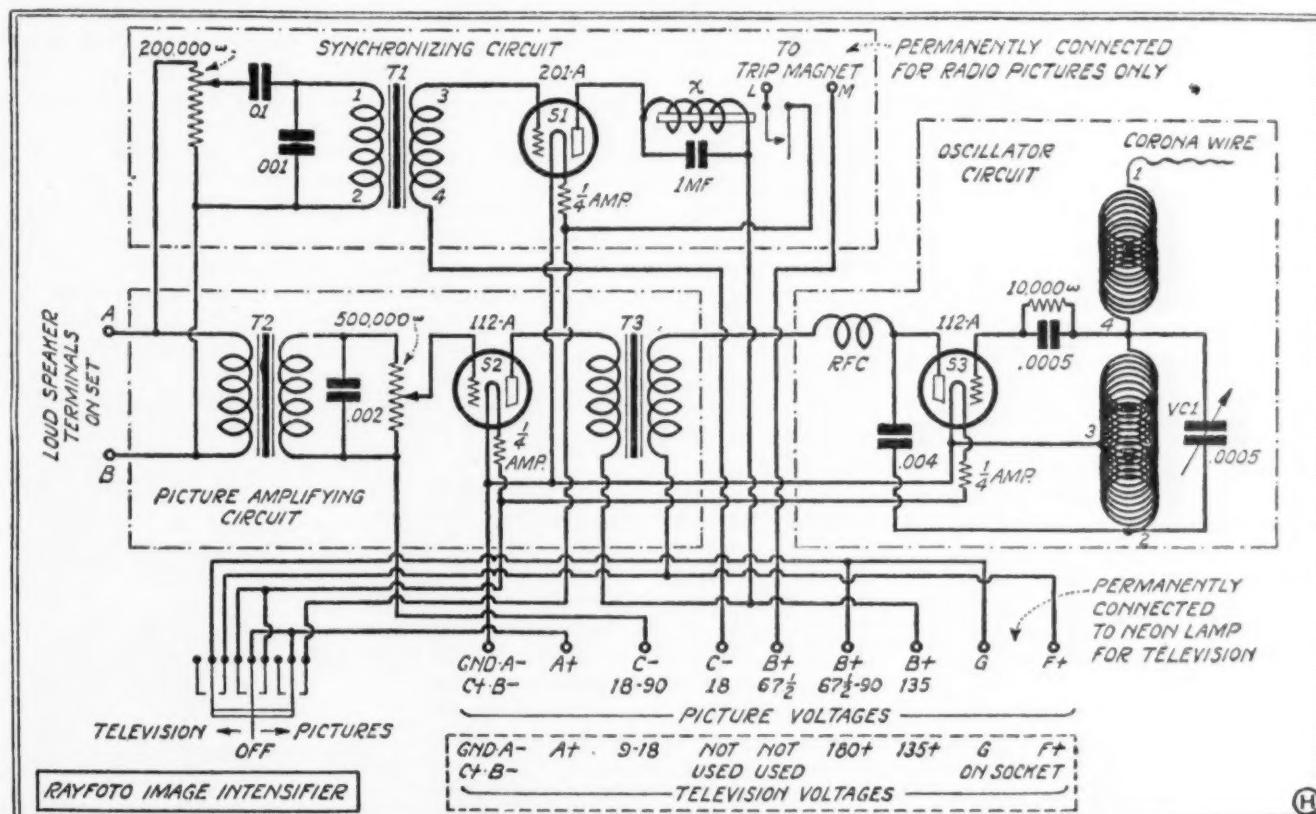
The operation is the following: The television signals are picked up by an ordinary radio receiver, amplified, and converted to high frequency oscillations which produce the corona discharge. It is known from phototelegraphy that the ultra-violet light produced by this discharge is proportional (for practical purposes) to the illumination which at any particular moment falls upon the photoelectric cell at the sending station.

To reproduce the television images, the wire from the corona coil is connected to a small plate of polished metal

placed a short distance from the scanning disc and the spark produced by the passage of the high frequency currents from the plate to the various pins on the disc may be seen through the adjacently located holes. The disc, rotating in step with another disc at the transmitter, distributes these sparks of varying intensity to form images of the original subject.

As the metal plate or corona screen (Fig. 3) is smaller than the scanning field at the transmitting station, the size of the images can be increased by interposing a lens between the disc and the ground-glass viewing screen.

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*Fig. 3. Image Intensifier*

# Tuned Radio Circuit Impedances

A Short and Easy Method for Finding Approximate Values in Either Series or Parallel Circuits

By ARTHUR HOBART

**R**ADIO circuits are designed for one of two purposes: to pass the greatest possible current of a specified frequency or to pass the least possible current. The determining factor, at a given voltage, is the impedance  $Z$ , or opposition which the circuit offers to the flow of the current.

A series circuit as in Fig. 1a has a

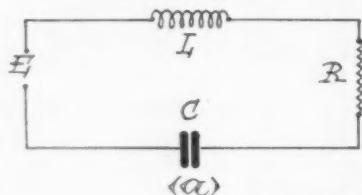


Fig. 1. (a) Series Circuit, (b) Parallel Circuit

minimum impedance for the frequency to which it is tuned, and greater impedance for other frequencies, depending upon how much they differ from the resonant frequency. The greatest current is passed when the coil and the condenser are tuned to resonance, the impedance to the resonant frequency then being equal only to the resistance of the circuit. This is also the case for a direct current or current of zero frequency, irrespective of the values of coil inductance and condenser capacity.

A parallel circuit, as in Fig. 1b has a maximum impedance for the frequency to which it is tuned and less impedance for other frequencies, depending upon how much they differ from the resonant frequency. For a given frequency, the least current flows when the coil and condenser are tuned to resonance.

Values of  $Z$  are ordinarily calculated from equations of so complex a form, especially for parallel circuits, that the non-mathematician has difficulty in solving them. This difficulty may be sidestepped by using the accompanying chart in connection with very simple formulas. The chart gives values of power factors ( $p.f.$ ) for various frequency differences from resonance and for various ratios of inductance  $L$  to r.f. resistance  $R$ .

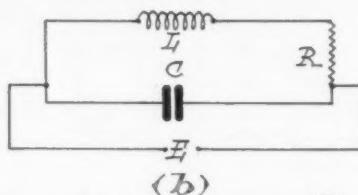
The formulas are:

$$Z = R/p.f. \text{ for series circuits and}$$

$$Z = \frac{L p.f.}{R C} = \frac{6.28 L^2 p.f.}{R}$$

for parallel circuits,  $Z$  being the impedance in ohms,  $R$  the r.f. resistance of the coil in ohms,  $L$  the inductance of the coil in microhenrys,  $C$  the capacity of the condenser in microfarads, and  $p.f.$  the power factor given by the chart.

The power factor is the ratio of the actual power in an alternating current circuit to the apparent power. The actual power is that which is measured by a wattmeter. The apparent power is the product of the number of volts and the number of amperes. In a direct current circuit and in a resonant circuit the apparent power is equal to the actual



been tuned to exclude a 1000 k.c. (300 meter) wave. Let  $L=170$  microhenrys,  $R=5$  ohms,  $L/R=34$ , and  $d=1000-940=60$  k.c. Connecting 60 on the left scale with 34 on the right scale causes the straightedge to intersect the center scale at .039.  $L^2=28,900$ .  $Z=6.28 \times .039 \times 28,900 \div 5 = 1416$  ohms. For 1000 k.c., unity power factor,  $Z=6.28 \times 28,900 \div 5 = 36,300$  ohms, which is about 25 times greater than the impedance offered the 940 k.c. wave. Consequently, 25 times more current flows at 940 than at 1000 k.c.

If the same constants were used in the series circuit of Fig. 1a, the impedance to a 940 k.c. wave would be  $5 \div .039 = 128$  ohms, as compared with  $5 \div 1 = 5$  ohms offered to 1000 k.c.

The foregoing method will suffice to solve almost any practical radio circuit to which it may be applied. The degree of error is less than that involved in calculating the inductance and r.f. resistance of the coil.

Although an understanding of how the chart is constructed is not essential to its use, some readers may be interested in the derivation of the equations and in a simplified method for securing exact results with a table of trigonometric functions. So the following paragraphs are added for the information of those who understand mathematics.

The student who is familiar with the elementary theory of alternating currents and trigonometry as explained in the standard textbooks can readily deduce the formula for the reactance of a parallel circuit, assuming that  $R$  is negligible in comparison with  $\omega L$ , as is true in practically all radio circuits:

$$Z = \frac{\sqrt{R^2 + \omega^2 L^2}}{R^2 \omega^2 C^2 + (\omega^2 LC - 1)^2} = \frac{\omega L}{\sqrt{R^2 \omega^2 C^2 + (\omega^2 LC - 1)^2}} = \frac{\omega L}{R \omega C \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega^2 LC - 1}{R \omega C}\right)^2}} =$$

$$\frac{L}{R C} \cos \theta \text{ where } \tan \theta = \frac{\omega^2 L C - 1}{R \omega C} =$$

At the resonant frequency  $f_R$ ,  $L C = 1/\omega_R^2$  and  $C = 1/L\omega_R^2$ . Consequently,

$$\tan \theta = \left( \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_R^2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{L\omega_R^2}{R\omega} \right) = \left( \frac{f^2 - f_R^2}{f^2} \right) \frac{2\pi L}{R}$$

But  $f = f_R \pm d$ ,  $f^2 - f_R^2 = \pm 2f_R d + d^2$ , and  $(f^2 - f_R^2) \div f = 2d \mp d/f_R + d^2/f_R^2$ . . . .

$$\text{So } \tan \theta = \frac{2\pi L}{R} \left( 2d \mp \frac{d}{f_R} + \frac{d^2}{f_R^2} \right)$$

which is approximately equal to  $4\pi Ld/R$ , the value used on the chart.

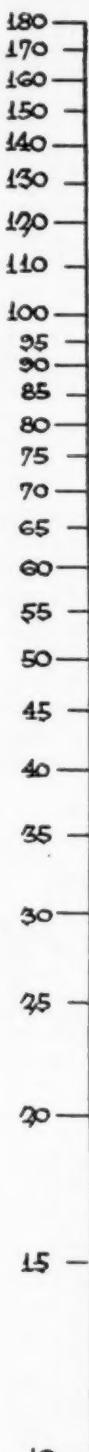
Likewise for the series circuit  $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2} = R/\cos \theta$  where  $\tan \theta =$

$X/R$ , which has the same value as just indicated for the parallel circuit, as a similar analysis will prove.

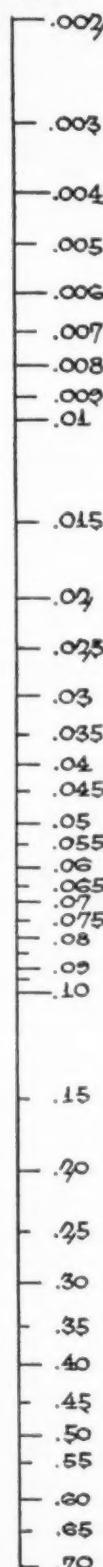
The alignment chart, with its logarithmic scales, mechanically performs the operation of multiplying  $L/R$  by  $4\pi d$ , so as to give the value of  $\tan \theta$  on

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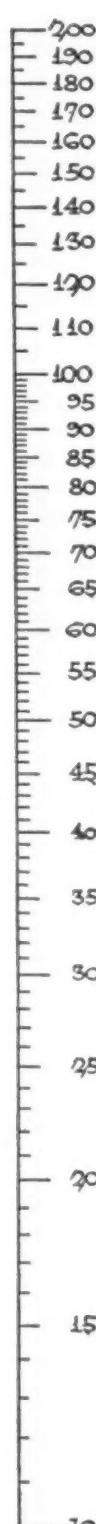
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Power Factor Chart for Computing Impedances of Series and Parallel Circuits

# Alignment of Single Control Receivers

By B. E. ESTES

THE sensitivity and selectivity of the present day single control receiver depends solely upon how well the tuned circuits are in resonance with each other. Many receivers on the market do not hold their adjustment and the service man should be able to align these receivers so that maximum results may be obtained from them.

The usual way to align a receiver is to tune in a distant station and adjust the trimming condensers, or if the receiver lacks these adjuncts, to bend either the stator or rotor plates until maximum signal strength results. This method is tedious and inaccurate, as the ear is not sensitive enough to be able to distinguish between small changes in intensity of the received signal and the intensity of the station is likely to vary during the period of adjustment, thus leading to incorrect adjustment.

The method employed in the testing laboratories of the manufacturers is to use an oscillator and a vacuum tube voltmeter. While equipment of the precision type used for this purpose is beyond the reach of the average service man, accurate results may be obtained from apparatus built from parts found in the junk box.

The circuit of the vacuum tube volt-

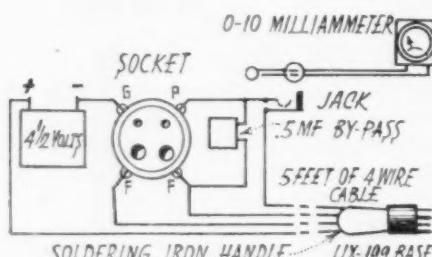


Fig. 1. Vacuum Tube Voltmeter Connections

meter is shown in Fig. 1. The battery and the input and the output terminals are connected to the prongs of a vacuum tube base so that the vacuum tube voltmeter may be connected to the receiver by plugging into the first audio frequency stage socket. The 4 1/2-volt C battery is connected with its negative terminal to the grid of the tube, which should be the tube that is ordinarily used in the first audio stage. The action of the additional 4 1/2 volts of negative C bias is to change the operating point of the tube to the lower curved portion of the characteristic curve so that any incoming signal will be rectified due to the fact that the positive side of the incoming signal will cause a greater increase in plate current than the negative side will cause a decrease. The rectified

## LIST OF MATERIAL USED

Vacuum Tube Voltmeter
1 UX tube socket
1 UX-199 tube base
1 Handle from a burnt-out soldering iron
1 Wire battery cable, 5 feet long
1 Single circuit jack
1 .5 mfd. by-pass condenser
1 4 1/2-volt "C" battery
1 0-10 milliammeter
1 Telephone plug and cord
Oscillator
1/4 lb. No. 26 D.C.C. wire
1 Piece tubing 2 in. diameter, 3 in. long
1 .00035 variable condenser and vernier dial
1 .00025 fixed condenser
1 .005 fixed condenser
1 .5 mfd. by-pass condenser
1 UX tube socket
1 .25 megohm grid leak
1 25-watt, 110-volt lamp
1 Porcelain base lamp receptacle

current will be the average or difference between these two currents.

The result is that the greater the amplitude of the signal, the greater will be the rectified current indicated on the milliammeter connected in the plate circuit. If it were desired, this arrangement could have been calibrated in terms of volts impressed upon the grid of the tube, but as it was only necessary to determine the maximum reading which would indicate resonance in the tuned circuits, this was not done.

In operation, the vacuum tube voltmeter is connected across the secondary of the first audio frequency transformer by plugging in the tube socket base. A 0-10 or other low range milliammeter that happens to be available is connected into the plate circuit by means of the telephone jack and plug. The telephone plug and jack system is used with all the author's apparatus so that the meters are never restricted permanently to the use of one instrument. The leads from the oscillator are connected across the antenna and ground posts of the receiver and the coupling between the oscillator and the receiver is loosened so that there is only a small increase in the meter reading whenever the receiver is tuned to resonance with the oscillator.

It is best to start with the oscillator adjusted to a low wavelength as the receiver is most likely to be out of alignment at the lower wavelengths. The receiver control is turned slowly back and forth across the resonant point with the oscillator and if the receiver is out of alignment, there will be two or more resonant points indicated on the meter and the resonant point will not be sharp and well defined.

The resonant point with the highest reading is selected and the trimmers on the gang condenser are adjusted until this reading is a maximum. The trim-

ming condenser should be adjusted until the meter reading goes to the maximum point and starts to drop off. This is done to assure that the actual resonant point has been found.

Every trimming condenser should respond in the manner outlined above. If not, it is likely that the receiver is so far out of line that one of the circuits is out of range of the others. If this is the case, it may be necessary to either bend the condenser plates or change the spacing or number of turns on the coil of the circuit which is out of resonance. After the maximum reading has been obtained, the tuning control of the receiver should be turned back and forth to see whether the resonance points have converged or become well defined and sharp.

It is now necessary to check the receiver at the middle and upper readings of the dial. These points should check closely. The fact that they do not would show that the first adjustment has been made poorly or that the gang condenser of the receiver was not well matched in the factory. Some condensers have one of the rotor plates of each section cut into four sections so that it is possible to adjust the condensers at four different readings on the dial. By working carefully, it should be possible to make

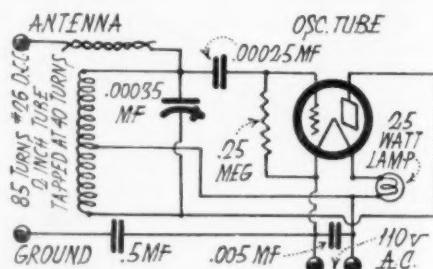


Fig. 2. Oscillator Connections

the receiver match up fairly well throughout the entire tuning range and a wonderful improvement in selectivity and sensitivity will be noted.

Most service men possess an oscillator of one type or the other but for those desirous of building an oscillator, the constructional details of Fig. 2 are given. The oscillator derives its power from the lighting circuit and can be used on either 110 volt a.c. or d.c. service. If the oscillator is used on a d.c. service, it is necessary to have the polarity right. This can be easily effected by reversing the plug in the socket. The oscillator is coupled to the receiver by the capacity between a twisted pair of insulated wires

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# A Modern Test Kit

By J. GARRICK EISENBERG

THE introduction of several new types of vacuum tubes and the prediction that they will be employed in the new factory-built radio sets for several seasons to come require certain additions to the test kit that is used by the progressive service man. The modern test kit should be capable of directly measuring in the socket terminal the voltages used by all the various types of d.c. and a.c. tubes, including the screen-grid and the rectifier tubes. The circuit diagram for such a tester is shown in Fig. 1, which may be used either for revising present kits or as the basis for constructing a new kit.

It will be noted that two meters are needed, a d.c. milliammeter and an a.c. voltmeter. Provision is also made for an ohm-meter circuit which permits readings of circuit resistances up to 15,000 ohms.

The milliammeter, 0-1 m.a., was re-calibrated for use as a high resistance voltmeter having ranges of 0-10, 100, 300 and 600 volts. For these ranges series resistances of 10,000, 100,000, 300,000 and 600,000 ohms respectively are required. Those used were of the SuperDavohm type, having a dissipation of 1 watt. A 1000-ohm resistor of the same type is used for the ohm-meter circuit.

For use as a current measuring instrument, the meter is provided with two shunts which give it the two ranges of 0-10 and 0-100 mils. As the meter used had a resistance of 27 ohms, the 10 mil shunt should be 2.7 and the 100 mil shunt .27 ohms. These can conveniently be manufactured from two Frost resistor strips, one of 4 and the other .4 ohms value. The extra wire is unwound from the strip and cut off when the desired shunt value has been obtained.

All meter calibrations were checked with known standards; if none is at hand the coöperation of an amateur owning a high range milliammeter might be secured for this work. Or the check can be dispensed with as the resistors have an overall accuracy to within about 2%, which is sufficiently close for all radio servicing requirements. Another possible source of coöperation is the physics lab. of the local high school.

The a.c. meter is a standard 4-8-150 volt range instrument and requires no description of its usage.

The switching arrangement enables a direct reading of all the various terminal voltages when the kit plug has been inserted in a receiver socket. A Weston bi-polar switch in combination with several auxiliary switches affords a maximum of flexibility in this regard.

The plug cable has six leads instead of the usual five, the sixth terminating in a clip which affords contact to the control-grid cap terminal of '22 tubes. When not in use this terminal may be clipped back onto the cable and so kept out of the way.

Through the switch it is possible to obtain regular grid readings or control and screen grid readings, with the same setting of the bi-polar switch. Filament currents for d.c. tubes are measured on the 0-10 scale of the d.c. meter. The a.c. meter permits the use of either the 4 or 8-volt range for this purpose. Grid volts may be read on two convenient scales on the d.c. meter: 0-10 for first stage and r.f. bias, and 0-100 to take care of all other tubes up to and including the brutal 250 type. Although plate and grid measurements are made with the same meter resistances, it will be seen that these circuits are isolated from each other through the bi-polar contacts. Three convenient plate voltage ranges are provided; the plate mils arrangement permits the usual measurements to be made, and also makes it possible to check the individual plate emission of full wave rectifiers, a sometimes necessary measurement which the average kit does not provide. Either the 10 or 100-mil range can be used when measuring emission,

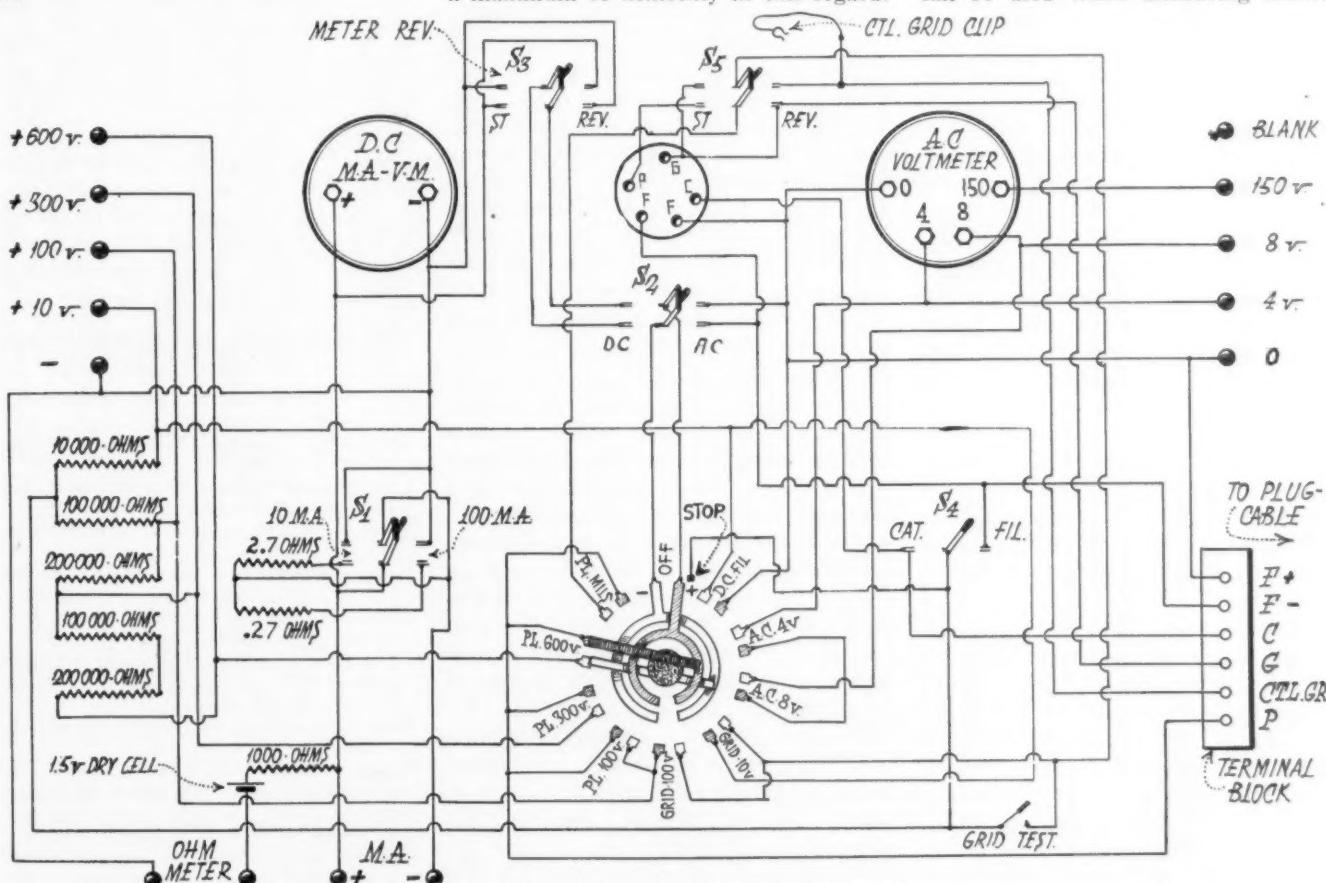


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Modernized Test Kit

depending upon which shunt is thrown into circuit by the toggle switch  $S_1$ .

To use the external connections to the meters, the bi-polar device must be in the "off" position. To provide a return to the positive side of the meter from the voltmeter resistors a tiny hole is drilled alongside the positive contact of the bi-polar switch. A phonograph needle is inserted in it to act as a stop, and the lead from  $S_4$  is soldered to it. With the general arrangement understood, we can next analyze the wiring of the auxiliary switches and by discussing their functions, clarify the operating routine of the kit.

$S_1$  is a toggle switch of d. p. d. t. type, which has a "dead" center position. Until one of the shunts has been thrown into circuit by it, the meter is actually open-circuited for current measurements. For voltage measurements the center position of the switch is therefore the correct one.

$S_2$  is a standard single pole toggle; all the other switches used were Yaxley d. p. d. t. jack switches. If desired, this type may be used throughout, but to secure the center off position for  $S_1$ , it will be necessary to file down one corner of the cam which operates the switch blades, in order to make a three-position switch.  $S_3$  serves the purpose of throwing over to whichever meter it is desired to use.  $S_4$  is the meter reversing switch, serving a dual purpose. When reversed d.c. filament readings are encountered the switch when thrown over to "reverse" position will change the meter polarity so as to afford the correct reading. In this position of the switch also, it is possible to read the + screen grid volts of '22 tubes; which when used as r.f. amplifiers are invariably biased + with respect to the filament; with the bi-polar switch set to the grid volts 100 position.

To obtain the regular voltage or control grid voltage readings,  $S_3$  must be set back to its normal position.  $S_4$  must be thrown to reverse position now, to get control grid readings. A clip lead which can conveniently be brought up through the blank pin jack hole on the a.c. side of the panel, is used to afford contact to the control grid terminal of '22 tubes when it is desired to measure their emission with the kit. The reverse position of  $S_4$  also permits reading the emission of the second plate of full wave rectifier tubes.

For all receiver tube plate measurements and for half wave rectifiers,  $S_3$  must be thrown to its normal position. This is also the correct position when checking the grid voltages of all other types of tubes and when measuring screen grid volts through  $S_4$ .

All grid return leads come to switch  $S_4$ , which serves the purpose of returning these either to negative filament or to cathode, as the requirement may be. In

#### LIST OF PARTS REQUIRED

1	Bakelite panel, 7 x 12
1	5-prong socket
1	5-prong plug
1	4-prong adapter (UX)
1	4-prong adapter (UV)
14	Carter tip jacks
2	small battery clips
1	6-lead battery cable
1	0-1 milliammeter
1	3-scale a.c. voltmeter
1	1000 $\omega$ resistor
1	10,000 $\omega$ resistor
2	100,000 $\omega$ resistors
2	200,000 $\omega$ resistors
S	D. P. D. T. toggle—as specified
S <sub>2</sub>	D. P. D. T. Yaxley jack switch
S <sub>3</sub>	D. P. D. T. Yaxley jack switch
S <sub>4</sub>	D. P. D. T. Yaxley jack switch
S <sub>5</sub>	S. P. D. T. toggle switch
6	pr. grid clip mountings for resistors
1	4-ohm Frost filament resistor
1	.4-ohm Frost filament resistor
1	Single contact push button (for grid test)
2	Pieces fibre bushing, each 8 in. long
1	Length 1/16 in. brass rod, about 2 ft. long
1	flashlight cell

the few cases where reversed filament wiring is encountered in a d.c. receiver, as indicated when taking the filament readings, the apparent grid reading would actually be the sum of both filament and grid voltages, since the return in such cases would go to the + side of the filament. The true grid reading will be had by subtracting the filament reading from the grid meter reading. In all other cases the actual grid volts is as indicated by the meter. Emission tests for tubes at zero grid can be made by operating the grid test push button, which shorts the grid bias to filament.

For convenience a chart has been appended which gives the correct positioning of these for the various measurements desired; it is not anticipated, however, that it will be necessary to consult this after the kit has been used a half dozen times or so. The ordinary care necessary when handling any costly measuring equipment should be exercised, of course, and all switch positions checked over before inserting the plug into any receiver socket.

It has not been felt necessary to include details of layout in this article, since in many cases the task involved is merely one of revising the present kit's wiring layout or in using considerable equipment already in the builder's possession. Dimensions were kept down to 11 by 5 $\frac{1}{8}$  in. only because the carrying case at hand called for a panel of this size. A better and less crowded layout would be had by using a larger panel. A more practicable a.c. voltmeter would be one having the 3, 15, and 150-volt ranges, which are standard for several makes of the instrument. This would permit checking the filament voltages of the 15-volt a.c. type of tubes more accurately.

If the reader already owns a 1.5 mil-milliammeter instead of the 0-1 type, this

can be substituted, but its various ranges as a voltmeter will be somewhat higher, if used with the resistances given here. This meter has a resistance of 18 ohms, so that 15 mil and 150 mil shunts for it would require resistances of 1.8 and .18 ohms respectively; when used for voltmeter readings it would have a resistance of 666 ohms per volt—which is high enough to insure good accuracy for radio service work—whereas the 0-1 mil type gives a resistance of 1000 ohms per volt in this connection. In general, the higher scaled 0-1.5 meter is to be preferred for shop work, and the 0-1 mil type with its somewhat more convenient scalings, for the portable kit.

The ohm-meter circuit is almost identical with that described in March, 1929 RADIO by Carl Joseph. In our case we have limited the range of the device to measurements of some 15,000 ohms or less, by using a fixed resistor of 1000 ohms in the circuit, instead of a variable one. It is intended that the 0-1 mil range of the meter be used for these measurements. It is only necessary, therefore, to set  $S_1$  to center position and plug the test picks into the pin jack holes, to put the ohm-meter into service.

The test picks may be constructed of two lengths of fiber tubing each about 8 in. long, having an outside diameter of from  $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. and a 1/16 in. hole through the center. A brass rod is inserted in the tubing, leaving about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. projecting from one end, and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. from the other. The longer ends are filed down to points for the picks, and the connecting wire soldered to the shorter end. High tension automobile cable should be used for this purpose, as it has the desired flexibility and high insulation values. A phone cord tip or a bit of hard drawn copper wire can be soldered to the end of the wire which goes to the test kit. If one of the picks is marked with a red daub to indicate positive polarity it will obviate the possibility of reversed meter readings.

#### CORRECT POSITIONS FOR AUXILIARY SWITCHES TO OBTAIN VARIOUS READINGS

Standard filament reading:  $S_3$  to normal position.  $S_4$  to a.c. or d.c. meter.  
Reversed d.c. filament readings:  $S_3$  to reverse position.

Usual grid-volt readings:  $S_3$  to d.c. meter.  $S_4$  and  $S_5$  normal.  $S_4$  to either cathode or filament return (depending on type of tube under measurement).

Control grid-volts read:  $S_3$  normal.  $S_4$  to reverse position.  $S_4$  as above.

Screen-grid volts read:  $S_3$  to reverse.  $S_4$  back to normal.  $S_4$  as above.  
(As screen-grid+volts are usually in neighborhood of 45 to 90, bi-polar switch should be set to grid volts 100 position.)

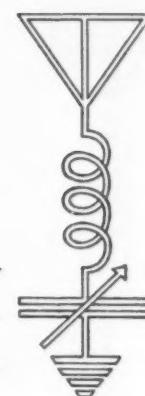
Plate Volts readings: All switches normal.  $S_4$  to filament side.

The above voltage readings are all had with switch  $S_1$  in center position (both shunts cut loose).

Plate mils reading:  $S_1$  to whichever range desired.  $S_3$  normal except when measuring opposite plate of full-wave rectifiers. For external current or voltage readings, all auxiliary switches normal, bi-polar switch to off position.



# TECHNICAL BRIEFS



POWER detection can be accomplished with the grid-leak-condenser circuit if steps are taken to prevent any plate rectification in the circuit. The plate rectification acts in opposition to the desired grid rectification and thus prevents the average plate current from varying in proportion to the average grid potential. Plate rectification may be prevented by using high plate voltages so that the tube is able to amplify the r.f. signal voltage without distortion. The maximum allowable r.f. signal input voltage for a detector tube is only half that which the same tube could handle as a distortionless audio amplifier since the average grid voltage only swings through half the range of the r.f. amplifier.

Analysis of data presented by Professor F. E. Terman indicates that the variation in plate current is as much as 5 to 10 m.a. for a '27 or '12A power detector with 90 to 135 volts on the plate. This necessitates some form of impedance or transformer coupling and introduces an audio frequency phase and amplitude distortion due to its effect in changing the a.c. permeability of the transformer core.

In order to satisfy the relation that  $2\pi f = 1 \div RC$ , the grid condenser should not be over .000125 mfd. and the grid leak not more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  megohm. This equation sets the limit of the highest audio frequencies which can be reproduced without serious attenuation.

TESTS on the moving coils of dynamic speakers indicate that the impedance varies considerably over the range of voice frequencies. When a dynamic speaker is mounted in a baffle and measurements are made with the moving coil free, the impedance varies over a range of about 5 to 1 from 5000 cycles down to 50 cycles. For example, one type varied from about 30 ohms down to 6 ohms over this range.

Generally the output transformer is designed to match the plate impedance of the power tube to the impedance of the moving coil at low frequencies. For example, a 25 to 1 turns ratio in the output transformer, a common value, would

give a 625 to 1 impedance ratio. Working out of a '71, '45 or a '50 power tube of approximately 2000 ohms, the secondary would be  $2000 \div 625 = 3.2$  ohms if the transformer were perfect. Usually the resistance and other factors of design in the transformer raise this to about 5 to 6 ohms as checked by actual measurement so that such a transformer and tube would match the speaker at low frequencies.

To obtain maximum *undistorted* power output from the power tube the load impedance should be twice that of the tube impedance. A 25 to 1 ratio transformer in this case would do that at about 1000 cycles per second and since most manufacturers test by ear on phonograph music, such a transformer apparently gives maximum volume with such a loudspeaker. The human ear is most sensitive to frequencies in the neighborhood of 1000 cycles and can detect distortion easiest there.

SEVERAL new models of a.c. operated dynamic speakers are using '80 type rectifiers. While this form of field excitation costs more, the results are generally worth it as the tube rectifier has no back a.c. component and thus gives quieter results.

The copper oxide rectifiers normally used for field excitation have an appreciable a.c. leakage on the opposite side of the a.c. cycle. This back leakage flows through the field and causes an additional hum over that due to the pulsating direct current. It is difficult to eliminate this little a.c. voltage and it usually means that these types of dynamic loudspeakers will always have an objectionable hum while in operation. Shunting such a speaker with a 2000 mfd. electrolytic type bypass condenser will reduce such hum. However, most copper oxide rectifiers will not have a very long life since this shunt condenser builds a higher voltage across each element.

TWO power tubes in parallel theoretically give twice the power output that one tube gives. Push-pull connection of two power tubes minimizes the

distortion produced by the harmonics of the signal voltage by causing the harmonics to neutralize each other. If the two push-pull tubes are matched they give about three times as much undisturbed power output as does a single tube.

If the load resistance is twice the plate resistance of the tube,  $r_p$ , the power output in watts is equal to the square of the product of the amplification constant and the grid input voltage divided by 4.5 times the plate resistance. Connecting the tubes in parallel is equivalent to halving the plate resistance and doubling the power output.

The reason that paralleled tubes often give only about  $\frac{1}{3}$  more output than a single tube in practice is that the additional tube is usually cut into the circuit without making the paralleled tube impedance equal to half the load impedance. This can be done by using an output transformer with about .7, the step-down ratio normally used with a dynamic speaker.

THE ONE quality from a loudspeaker depends not only upon the sound reflecting and absorbing conditions of the room in which it is placed, but also upon the location of the listener. Even when all reflections of sound are eliminated, as in outdoor measurements, it is found that low notes are subject to a greater radiation to the side than are high notes. The higher the frequency the narrower the sound beam becomes.

So a person who sits directly in front of a loudspeaker will hear a greater proportion of high notes than will a person who sits to one side. Another factor that influences tone quality is the listener's distance from a speaker. If too close, certain frequencies may not be heard, due to the interference between waves which arrive in different phases from different parts of the diaphragm. It is readily possible to so place a fine loudspeaker in such a position in a room that it will give poorer tone quality than an inferior speaker which is better placed.



# The COMMERCIAL BRASSPOUNDER

A Department  
for the Operator  
at Sea and Ashore



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We received quite an encouraging surprise the other day when we strolled aboard an intercoastal freighter to visit the radio operator and cast our eyes on a sea-going radio shack again. The first thing said eyes focused on, after recovering from the glare of shiny brass, was a list of intercoastal time, press and weather schedules that had been clipped from the Commercial Brasspounder and tacked to the bulkhead. On another side was Paul Otto's vocabulary of Spanish words used in Mexican weather reports. From a drawer our operator friend, Harry Pearce, pulled out a Ford spark coil with which he has wobbled his antenna ammeter needle to the tune of a couple of amps and for distances of over a hundred miles. This in accordance with the plan shown by Nestor Barrett in a back copy of RADIO. Then Pearce produced a notebook in which had been pasted everything that had appeared in the Commercial Brasspounder Department for two or three years.

The whole exhibit made us feel good all over to know that someone was making use of the stuff we have been working hard to get together. And we are passing it along to those who have helped keep this department alive and kicking. Keep 'em coming, men.

E. L. Tarr, KLUI, asks us to publish a few rules of etiquette on giving your fellow operator a chance to copy the 600-meter weather reports that are broadcast at 8 a. m., 12 noon, 4 p. m. and 8 p. m., local standard time. This type of QRM is truly deplorable and all the writing we have done on the subject has failed to curb it. It is due entirely to a lack of consideration for others and we are afraid that our rules of etiquette will not compensate for the lack of a decent upbringing.

## WDDL

The picture that seems to advertise somebody's First National Bank also portrays the radio gear of WDDL, the S.S. William C. Atwater. This ship is a freighter in the Great Lakes service and is equipped with a 1 k.w. Navy standard spark transmitter and a Kennedy universal receiver which is supplemented by four stages of a.f. amplification.

Lloyd L. Arnold, operator, writes that the Great Lakes offer a lot of good summertime jobs for those of the gang who seek diversion; fine ships, quarters and grub; wonderful scenery and all the QRM for which you can ask. Don't try to get on WDDL, he says, as he has been on her for four years and has a lease on her.

## THE "GOODWILL" SOUTH AMERICAN CRUISE

By WILL BRENIMAN, KOZC

LATE in the afternoon of October 6 last, the S.S. *City of Los Angeles*, flagship of the Lassco fleet of big white ships, was warped out of berth 158, Wilmington, amid one of the most colorful, and certainly the noisiest departures ever accorded a vessel in Los Angeles harbor. She was bound on a "goodwill" cruise, circumnavigating South America and stopping at many ports in the West Indies and Central America on her return.

The boat is well adapted for such a cruise. Formerly a German liner which was seized during the war, she was renamed the *Aeoleus* by the Shipping Board and operated out of New York to the River Plate ports by the Munson Line until 1922, when she was acquired by the Los Angeles Steamship Company for service in the Hawaiian trade. She is a twin screw vessel of 22,500 displacement tons, 580 feet in length with a 62-foot beam. She is powered by twin screw turbine engines.

During the 64-day trip, we visited ten foreign countries, called at 12 different ports, and piled up a total of 16,373 miles. Our itinerary in sequence to ports of call was as follows: Callao, Valparaiso, Punta Arenas (Straits of Magellan), Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio, Trinidad, Caguira Venezuela, Panama Canal, La Libertad, San Jose, Mazatlan and return to Los Angeles. That the route is a popular one was manifested by the fact that a capacity passenger list was booked for the trip.

The radio equipment of our vessel consisted of a 2-k.w. spark and a 2-k.w. arc transmitter. A type SE 1420 receiver for ship and long waves and one of the new model AR 1145 short-wave receivers proved extremely effective. The radio room of KOZC was a very busy place during the entire trip, for during the first 10 days to Callao it is doubtful if there was a combined total of 5 hours that one of the sets was not in use. Many times found all of the operators on watch at the same time, covering various schedules and checking traffic as it came in.



Radio Gear of WDDL

We worked every station handling commercial traffic in South America.

Were I an author, I could properly describe the many strange and fascinating sights—"of the bathing in the plunge under the stars," of the tropical lightning off the Gulf at night, of the golden clouds at sunset, of the dancing on decks under the Southern Cross, of the matchless view from Corcovado, of the gay life in BA and Rio, of the incomparable beauty of Magellan, and many other thrilling experiences that made the trip a wonderful success. However, I shall have to humbly console myself with a brief description of the radio conditions and stations worked during this trip and leave the foregoing to someone better qualified with superlatives.

Steaming south from Los Angeles brought us shortly into the domain of those starved souls who had longed for years for the opportunity of hamming, but who had wisely decided that while closer to home ports and stations, discretion was the better part of valor. "Rag-chewers" Paradise along the Mexican and Central American coast is the Utopia for the lost art of CQ'ing. Not content with the affliction of QRM in these regions, Old Man Weather also decided to give us a double dose of severe heat and QRN. Contact was maintained in spite of all the foregoing, however, with KPH, KSE and other West Coast stations until our arrival at Callao. Sometimes, due to severe static, we had to wait until the wee small hours of the morning for it to die down enough to give us a hole to get through.

We made our first contact with Peruvian stations at a distance of about 1200 miles. The reason we did not work them further is probably due to the fact that most of the stations only stand a daylight watch. Peruvian stations from North to South in the sequence they will probably be contacted are as follows: OAR, OAH, OAG, OAT, OAA, OAP, OAB and OAL. All of these stations are spark and work ships on 600 meters. OAT at Trujillo seems to be the most powerful and dependable. Most of the stations come on about 7:30 a. m. and at frequent intervals throughout the day send CQ for traffic. It is advisable to answer immediately or you may not make contact. They evidently maintain skeds on longer waves and when cleared, start sending CQ without previously listening in, as there seems to be much jamming and inconsistency in their working.

The QSJ of Peruvian stations is 12 cents per word for messages in any language except Spanish. Messages sent in Spanish take 6 cents per word QSJ. There are no landlines in Peru, all messages being dispatched via radio, and there is no forwarding charge. The radio stations are all controlled by the Peruvian Government. These rates apply to Callao, Lima, Talara, El Encanto, Iquitos,

Eten, Ilo, Letica, Nasisea, Pisco, Trujillo, Puerto Maldonado, and are the same through any station. Any other point in Peru takes a total rate of 10 cents for Spanish or 16 cents per word in English. OAA is supposed to stand a continuous watch and once in a while one hears him at night, but it is seldom. OAT seems to keep a better watch than the other stations.

It is advisable in sending English messages to Peruvian and Chilean stations to space the words very carefully; otherwise they are apt to run them together. None of the Peruvian stations send weather or press, according to my information. OAA was supposed to send press in Spanish, but has discontinued it. Peru is served with two cable companies, the "All American" cable, which is affiliated with the Postal System, and the "British West Coast," which send their traffic via "Western" and Western Union. The "All American" cable company is the one most used along Peru and Chile. Rates from Peru (Callao and Lima) to NY are 44 cents and to California 55 cents plus landstation and ship tax. Care must be used as to whether the message is English or Spanish, as this affects the coast station tax.

As we steam south from Callao we pick up CCA at Arica. He seems to understand a little better than the Peruvians. We are bothered considerably by static, although it is dry and cold. One thing the operator will notice here on the West Coast is the popular use of the QRT signal, which may be heard twenty times a watch. CWA at Montevideo (CW) carries well to the westward.

The stations from North to South that the operator will work in Chile are as follows: CCA, CCC, CCE, CCK, CCQ, CCS, CCV. CCA and CCE, in my judgment, are the best stations to work in Northern Chile, while CCV is one of the best stations in the southwest coast. The operators at all Chilean and Peruvian stations have a style all their own, very jerky and inconsistent. Messages are numbered according to their sequence handled during the month and not according to date, so one might expect to receive Nr 981 as his first message of the day.

It is doubtful whether there is a Berne List in any of the stations on the West Coast. Checking of messages is also a lost art with them. One station would insist that "*City of Los Angeles*" was four words, while others would count "*El Vapor Ciudad de Los Angeles*" as one word.

CCE at Valparaiso sends weather at 0100 and 1700 GMT on 1000 meters. However, my experience has been that one is most apt to hear it at about 11:40 p. m., local Chile time. CCK repeats on 1000 meters about a half hour after CCE sends it. CCE sends time signals at 0055 GMT, although this is not necessary if your receivers are working properly.

Rates for local delivery in Chile are 12 cents per word. There is no distinction between Spanish or English as in Peru. One thing the operator must watch here is the ten-word minimum. There is a forwarding rate of two cents per word additional to any place in Chile, making a total of 14 cents per word. The radio is under control of the Navy and all matters pertaining to naval procedure come first, so one may expect to be broken in the middle of a communication until the station gets through with some other vessel. Too much dependence should not be placed on radiograms sent through these naval stations. One has to pray or trust to luck. The landline telegraphs are under the jurisdiction of another branch of the government and there seems to be some friction between the two branches with the result

that the cash customer sometimes suffers in delays.

In the Straits of Magellan, CCV is the best working station. The operator here seems to understand a little English, and it is not so difficult to clear him. CCV is screened, however, in many parts of the passage, as at Punta Arenas. CCW, who does not work ships except in emergencies, maintains skeds with CCK, CCV, etc., handling commercial traffic on long waves (5800 CW).

Passing eastward out of the Straits of Magellan, most of our difficult operating conditions come to an end. The Argentine stations, while not nearly as effective as our own stations, are a real improvement over those of the West Coast. Their systems run from everything in sparks to tube sets. There seems to be a speed complex in vogue along this coast, many of the operators using bugs and side swipers. The stations worked from the straits north are LJE, LIK, LJF, LJC, LJB, LII, LJK, LIW and LIH. QSJ any place in the Argentine is \$2.24 for a minimum of 10 words; each additional word 22 cents. This includes ship tax of 8 cents per word. Most of the Argentine stations maintain a continuous watch.

For all traffic addressed to Buenos Aires or Montevideo, CWA offers the best service. CWA is located at Mount Cerat near Montevideo. Credit must be given the operators at this station, as they are, in my opinion, the best operators in the southern hemisphere. They can handle traffic almost as well as KPH or WSC, and that is going some. Moreover, they seem to understand and be able to converse with operators in any of the popular languages, which is perhaps something that our local boys would be unable to do. The station is CW and carries very well in every direction.

Cablegrams sent from any of the East Coast points will obtain best service if routed via Transradio from the River Plate ports or via Radiobras from Rio and Brazilian points. Extremely fast service is maintained with Radio Central in New York. Second choice would be via Western. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the local "National" line is a very inefficient and poor system with which to do business, and all the operators are reluctant to give them their traffic due to delays and garbles. This company's rates are considerably lower than the others mentioned, but a delay of several days, which is very often the case, is not usually compensated for in the saving in rates.

While in Buenos Aires, I visited the plant of the Transradio. They have a network of communications with all the highpower stations in Europe as well as North America. Short waves are used mostly, although the alternators are also used. LPZ (now changed to LSA) sends traffic blind to ships on a wavelength of 12,650 meters on their 500-k.w. alternator at 1418 GMT and again at 2318 GMT. Paid press is sent in Spanish at 1400 GMT to 1415 GMT, followed by a list of stations for which traffic is on hand. Each call letter is in alphabetical arrangement and is followed by the number of messages on hand for him. At 1418 GMT, LSA sends steadily in alphabetical order, all traffic on hand at 20 words per minute. There is no necessity to QSL traffic. LSA can be copied in daylight to New York. This is a rather important schedule for which to listen. This business, however, is only accepted when a ship is further than 1000 kilometers (about 600 miles) from Buenos Aires.

A short wave watch is also maintained by LSD (also at Monte Grande, Buenos Aires), who accepts traffic via short waves. Most of the large German and English ships running into the River Plate ports clear with LSD on short waves nightly throughout the trip. Very few American ships work short

waves with them, although skeds have been maintained with European vessels for several years.

Bound north, no trouble is experienced in working the Brazilian stations. These stations are located about 300 miles apart along the entire coast. Most of them are tube. They send weather in Portuguese about every four hours, although it is not very comprehensive. POT at Rio sends time signals on a wavelength of 34.7 meters, but one equipped for short waves will always copy NSS, who is much more reliable.

I will not comment on the balance of the stations worked as we steam north, as most of them are familiar to the average operator. I might say one can expect to clear east coast stations when around Cape San Roque. West coast stations (KPH) can be cleared west of Trinidad.

Following are a few abbreviations that the operator will hear while in South American waters:

HL—Hasta Luego (CUL).

BD—Buenas Dias (Good Day).

BN—Buenos Noches (Good Night).

GRAS—Gracias (Thanks).

PLS—Palabras (words or check).

ZP—Zone position or TR in lat. and long.

RD—QSL instead of R or OK.

Following is a list of stations that send time, press, etc., which the operator may find occasion to use:

KUP—Carried R9 to Straits of Magellan, then diminished to B. A., where daylight killed. Picked up again about 300 miles south of Trinidad.

WHD—Carried R8 to Valparaiso, then very inconsistent. On east coast spotty to Brazilian coast, then about R4 and better.

WID—Spotty, at times R7-8, others unhrd. Consistent to Callao and from Santos north.

NSS—Most consistent station of trip on 36 meters. Time and Px R6-9 along entire route.

NBA—South to Valparaiso and east to Para.

WNU—South to Valparaiso and east to Cape San Roque.

LSA—North to New York and abeam Panama.

KPH—South to Arica and east to Trinidad.

WSC—South to Valparaiso and Cape San Roque.

NPL—South to Valparaiso, east to Trinidad.

WAX—South to the Straits, east to Rio.

American broadcasting was heard inconsistently through the Straits of Magellan, the poorest reception being recorded on the coast of Argentina and Brazil (southern portion).

Radio broadcasting and the radio business in Chile and Peru are at a standstill, with very few stores and only four broadcast stations.

In the Argentine broadcasting is quite popular and there are several fine stations. This also applies to Uruguay.

Brazil only has two or three broadcasting stations and the sale of merchandise is rather stagnant, due probably to static and poor reception.

Amateur activities in Argentina were quite marked, but in other countries not much attention was given them. There are a large number of point-to-point short-wave stations used in the mines of Chile and Peru.

We also heard considerable short-wave broadcasting from European and Australian stations and we even picked up several Japanese short-wave broadcast programs.

# Inside Stories of Factory Built Receivers

## RCA RADIOLA 33

**T**HE Radiola 33 is a socket-powered six-tube tuned receiver built in an attractive metal cabinet with mahogany finish and mounted on legs of a convenient height. A new type magnetic cone speaker, R.C.A. No. 100-B, designed to be placed on top of it, matches the color tone of the cabinet.

The set employs one stage of untuned and two stages of tuned r.f. amplification in which UX-226 tubes are used. A UY-227 tube serves as a detector, another UX-226 as the first stage audio frequency amplifier, and a UX-171A is used in the power stage. The untuned r.f. tube is coupled to the antenna and ground by a 2000-ohm potentiometer which serves as the volume control by regulating the input grid voltage to this tube, thus providing smooth control without distortion. The sensitivity of the first tuned r.f. tube may be adjusted by a small compensating condenser in the rear of the set and in series with a third winding on the r.f. transformer. This makes it possible to operate the tube at its most sensitive point just below the state of oscillation.

The third windings of the second and third transformers are in reality 65 millihenry r.f. chokes, the leads of which have been reversed. A .001 mfd. fixed condenser shunts each. This arrangement acts as a tuned bucking coil, having the effect of raising the sensitivity at the higher wavelengths to equal that at the low end of the scale.

The three tuning condensers are mounted in a single gang. The detector circuit condenser is provided with a trimmer. Any variation of the capacities of the other two must be effected by bending the outside plates. Grid detection is used, the grid leak being connected across the grid-cathode circuit, and a .0002 mfd. fixed condenser bypassing stray r.f. currents in the detector output circuit to ground. Transformer coupling is used in the audio system, the d.c. flowing to the plate of the power tube through the output choke being isolated from the loud-

speaker windings by means of a .5 mfd. fixed condenser in series with the latter and the detector output.

A UX-280 tube rectifies the output of the power transformer, supplying, through the filter, a maximum of 165 volts. This is supplied to the plate of the '71-A tube through the output choke. A 1900-ohm resistor, connecting the center tap of the resistor across the filament to ground, hence to grid, drops 30 volts of the maximum voltage for grid excitation. The effective plate voltage on the power tube is therefore 135 volts and that of the grid 30 volts. The plate consumes 17 m.a.

A 1600-ohm resistor between the plates of the three r.f. and first a.f. amplifier tubes and the maximum positive output of the filter drops this voltage to 139 volts. In this case 9 volts are dropped for grid bias on each tube through a 440-ohm resistor located between filament center tap and ground. Thus the effective plate voltage for these tubes is 130 volts, with 9 volts negative grid. A further drop in the maximum voltage is caused by a 30,000-ohm resistor which is tapped onto the 139-volt line to supply the detector plate with 30 volts, which is considered the correct value for the average input signal voltage. The detector plate draws 2 m.a. at this voltage, while the four '26 tubes consume 4.5 m.a. each. A stabilizing losser of 15,000 ohms is placed between the positive 30-volt terminal and ground, thus completing the voltage divider system.

## NEW RADIO CATALOGS

Instruction Sheet No. 7 from the Burgess Battery Company of Madison, Wis., is devoted to "High Potential Batteries." These are a new form of dry battery wherein the cells are assembled in long and slender sticks which are combined into various high voltage units. The 144 volt battery also has a 54 volt binding post and the 108 volt type has 36 and 72 volt taps. These batteries are specifically intended for the operation of portable transmitters, as well as for use in telephotography, talking moving pictures, photometry, burglar and fire alarm signals, etc.

## BOOK REVIEWS

"Radio Operating Questions and Answers," by Arthur L. Nilson and J. L. Hornung; 267 pp., 5½ by 8 in., published by McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York City. Price \$2.00.

Eight years ago the first edition of this text was published as an aid to those studying for the government examination for a radio operator's license. The present volume brings the first up to date and gives the answers to the examination questions that are likely to be asked a candidate for either a commercial or an amateur license.

In its eleven chapters are 400 questions and appropriate answers. These include diagrams and explanations of typical commercial transmitters of the tube, arc and spark types, as well as of various receivers and auxiliary equipment, including storage batteries, motors and generators. One chapter is devoted to the latest radio laws and traffic regulations. Another consists of general and theoretical questions wherein it is assumed that the reader understands such points as are developed in the author's companion text on "Practical Radio Telegraphy." Broadcasting transmitters and amateur station operation are the subjects of the two concluding chapters.

This book fulfills its purpose admirably and should prove a real help to any aspirant for a license. In fact any person who knows all that it teaches will have no difficulty in passing any of the prescribed written tests.

Jenkins Television Corporation has installed a 5 k.w. television transmitter at Jersey City, N. J., and is producing the first lot of sample receivers. Their transmitting license allows the use of the 2100-2200 k.c. band (140 meters). Experimental programs will be broadcast after May 1. Another 5 k.w. station is being built in Montgomery County, Maryland, to use the 2850-2950 k.c. band (103 meters). Broadcasting is also being maintained by W3XX at Washington on the 2000-2100 k.c. band. A 48-line screen is used.

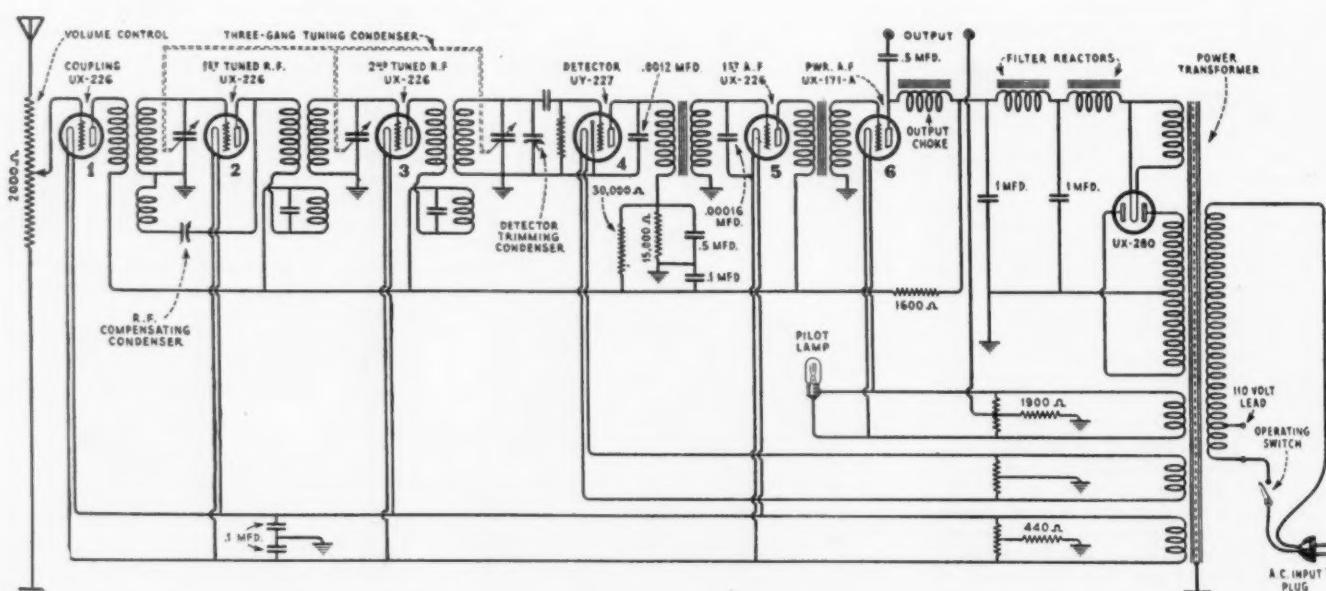


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Radiola 33 Receiver

# With the Amateur Operators

## SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVED C. W. AND PHONE OPERATION

By R. WM. TANNER

THE great number of wobbly signals and raw a.c. notes that are still heard from amateur transmitters indicates the need for some instructive suggestions as to how they can be improved. Experiences with various experimental transmitters at W8AD have demonstrated that the suggestions here given are well worth while.

The first essential is steady plate and filament voltages to the oscillator tube. Any change in voltage changes the capacity between the elements, and thus shifts the frequency. This is particularly noticeable in tubes like the 203, 203A, 210, and the W.E. 5 and 50 watts which have a high inter-electrode capacity.

A circuit which has a high capacity and low inductance tends to minimize this trouble, but the best plan is to neutralize the oscillation and feed energy from the plate circuit to the grid by means of an external

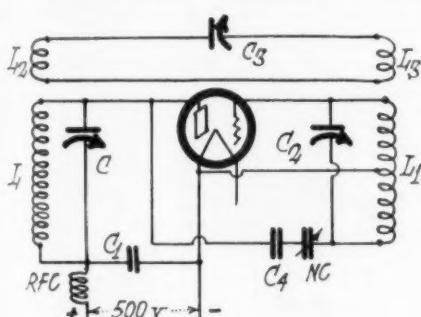


Fig. 1. Neutralized Oscillator

link, as shown in Fig. 1. This is a conventional tuned grid, tuned plate Armstrong with the grid coil tapped in the center. Half of this winding is in the grid circuit and the other half used in conjunction with condenser *NC* for the purpose of neutralizing the plate-grid capacity of the tube.

If the shunt condenser *C<sub>2</sub>* is connected between the two end leads, the tube will remain neutralized regardless of the wavelength, providing the tap is made in the exact electrical center. Oscillations are produced only when some of the energy in the plate circuit is fed back to the grid. It will be necessary then to provide an external link circuit *L<sub>2</sub>*, *C<sub>3</sub>*, *L<sub>3</sub>*. This may be of the aperiodic type or tuned to the frequency of the oscillator. The writer prefers the untuned type, due to its ease of adjustment. *L<sub>2</sub>* and *L<sub>3</sub>* may be five or more turns, depending upon the wave band, coupled close enough to *L* and *L<sub>1</sub>* to produce strong oscillations with a low plate current when *C<sub>3</sub>* is set at about half capacity. This condenser then acts as a very fine control of the link circuit coupling.

As a warning, when tuning up, cut the plate voltage down to 200 or 250 or fireworks may start. If the value of *C<sub>3</sub>* is low and the coupling between the inductances and link circuit loose, no oscillations will be produced, therefore the tube will heat badly if the full plate voltage is used.

*C*, *C<sub>2</sub>* and *C<sub>3</sub>* each have a maximum capacity of .0005 mfd. *NC* is one of the small midgets of .00005 mfd. An additional condenser is placed in series with the latter to prevent short circuiting of the plate supply

in case the plates of *NC* should happen to touch.

As the currents in the link circuit are not high, No. 14 antenna wire will be suitable for the coils. Both *L<sub>2</sub>* and *L<sub>3</sub>* should be so constructed that clips may be used to vary the number of turns. It is then possible to use the same coils for the various bands. This type of circuit has been employed at this station only in the 80 and 160-meter bands, but it is thought that no trouble will be experienced on 20 and 40 meters.

Upon the antenna also depends whether the emitted signal will be of constant frequency. If the wire or wires are not stretched tight, swaying in the wind will change the effective capacity and hence change the frequency of the signal. Very loose coupling, 5 to 10 in., between the coupling coil and plate inductance partly nullifies this, but the output is reduced considerably.

It is possible to transfer the energy from the plate circuit of the oscillator to the antenna with very little loss, by means of another link circuit, thereby helping greatly in keeping the signal steady. This is shown

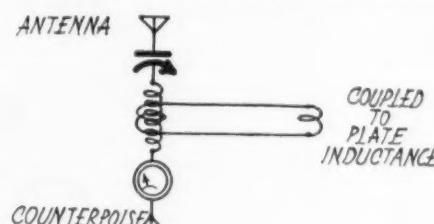


Fig. 2. Antenna Circuit with Link Circuit

in Fig. 2. One or two turns are closely coupled to the antenna coil, near a current loop, and placed in series with another coil of similar dimensions coupled to the plate end of the plate inductance.

The antenna coil may be located at a distance from the transmitting set proper, in which case the two wires connecting the 1 or 2-turn coils may be considered as an r.f. transmission line and treated as such by inserting a loading coil in each of the leads and shunting the line with a variable condenser to tune to the oscillator frequency. This is, however, not absolutely necessary, an untuned link circuit functioning nearly as well.

Care must be taken to employ large wire for both the coils and the transmission line, as resistance in this part of the transmitter greatly reduces the power output. The spacing of the two wires is of little importance, 2 in. being about right for lengths up to 10 ft., increasing to 10 in. for lines up to 100 ft.

This method makes possible a novel means of coupling the receiver to the antenna where selectivity and noise reduction from power

lines, etc., are a consideration. More will be said about this later.

Very little will be added in regard to the power supply, as this subject has been well covered in past issues of this magazine. However, it might be well to say that an oversize transformer and filter is a necessary requirement heretofore disregarded by a great many amateurs.

A total shunt capacity of 6 mfd. is sufficient for the filter if two 30 henry chokes are employed. If only one is used, 8 or even 10 mfd. may be needed to completely eliminate the hum. While a condenser directly across the rectifier output gives a better filtering action, its use imposes a heavy strain on the rectifier tube and is not recommended only where one choke is used.

A 50,000 ohm resistor across the filter output materially improves the regulation and protects the filter condensers from high voltage surges.

Do not make the mistake of using a transformer with too high a secondary voltage. If this is done, heating of the tube elements is the result, tending to shorten the life of the tube. A center-tapped secondary, 550 volts on either side, will give a d.c. output of between 480 and 500, depending upon the resistance of the filter chokes.

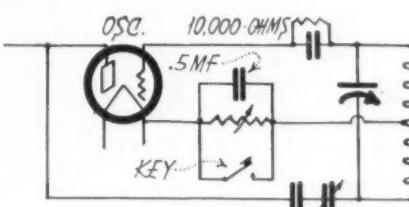


Fig. 4. Keying System

An efficient keying system is shown in Fig. 4. When the key is closed, a normal bias is applied to the grid by means of a 10,000-ohm grid leak. A slightly greater output may be obtained by using a 5000-ohm resistor. But the plate current is then increased, resulting in heating, a condition to be avoided if constancy of frequency is desired.

Opening the key causes an increase in the voltage applied to the grid, reducing the plate current. The higher the resistance of *R*, the lower the plate current, and vice versa. By the correct adjustment of *R*, the plate current can be reduced to zero. As the plate voltage is at all times connected, opening the key will cause the voltage to rise, putting an undue strain on the filter condensers. The 50,000-ohm resistor across the high voltage supply will take care of this surge, thereby preventing blowouts.

Normally, *R* is adjusted so that the plate current is decreased almost but not quite to zero. Condenser *C* has a capacity of .5 mfd.

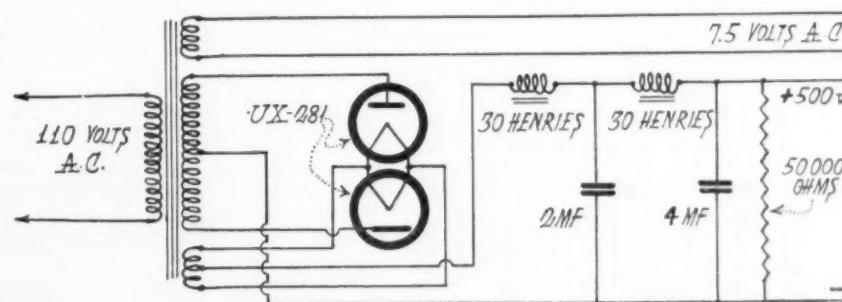


Fig. 3. Power Supply

and is used to eliminate sparking at the key contacts.

Phone modulation is best accomplished by the constant current method. This requires

condenser  $C$  for maximum radiation, showing resonance between the oscillator and antenna. This will increase the plate current somewhat.

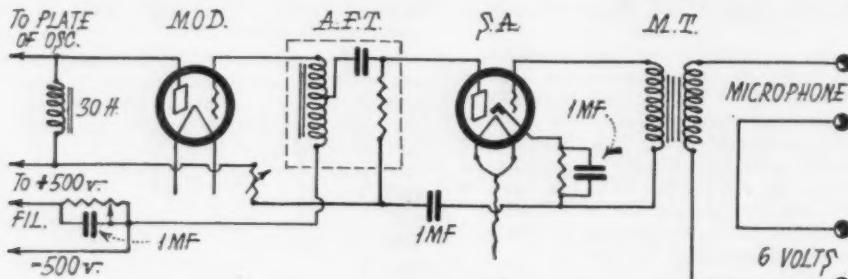


Fig. 5. Constant Current Modulator and Speech Amplifier

an additional tube, the same size as the oscillator, as well as one or two stages of speech amplification.

The modulator circuit is shown in Fig. 5. The constant current choke should have an inductance of at least 30 henries and be able to carry a current of 150 mils when 210 or 250 tubes are employed. The grid bias is obtained by taking the voltage drop across a resistor connected in the negative leg of the high voltage. A 1 mfd. by-pass condenser is shunted across the active portion. AFT is an ordinary type of audio frequency transformer.

The speech amplifier tube may be a '27, making for all a.c. operation with the exception of the 6-volt microphone battery. The plate voltage for this tube is supplied from the main power supply through a variable resistor. The cathode is connected to the negative high voltage through a fixed 1500-ohm resistor to provide a bias for the grid. The modulation transformer MT should be one of the modern types now on the market.

It is possible to obtain a much better quality of speech by employing a Baldwin type C telephone receiver unit in place of the regular microphone. Two stages of speech amplification will then be necessary to swing the grid of the modulator tube and the modulation transformer will have to be replaced by an audio transformer having a voltage step-up ratio of approximately 6 to 1. The phone unit connects in the primary without any battery whatsoever. When using this sort of "microphone," the reports from other stations will all be "perfect modulation O. M."

A circuit containing all of the ideas put forth in this article is shown in Fig. 6. It looks complicated, but in reality, it is quite simple. While the circuit is a little harder to adjust than a plain oscillator, the results will be worth the effort.

It is first necessary to neutralize the grid-plate capacity of the tube. As stated before, reduce the plate voltage to 200 or 250 by inserting a high resistance in the positive lead. Plug the milliammeter into the jack between the r.f. and modulator chokes, and close the key. The link circuit condenser  $C_6$  and the neutralizing condenser should be set at minimum capacity. Vary the plate and grid tuning condensers until the circuit oscillates at the desired wave. Now increase the neutralizing condenser a little at a time. A point will be reached where the plate current rises to a high value and then back to normal as the condenser is increased still more. When the tube is completely neutralized, the plate current will be highest.

If the link circuit is closely coupled to the grid and plate inductances, an increase in  $C_6$  will result in oscillations once more being generated with a reduction in the milliammeter reading. Next, close the switch SW to the sending position and vary the series

With a high-resistance voltmeter, adjust  $R_3$  so that the plate voltage on the speech amplifier is exactly 180. After these adjustments are made, the antenna current will vary in accordance with the speech input, resulting in modulation of the carrier wave. When code signals are to be transmitted, lift the modulator and speech amplifier tubes out of their sockets.

For reception, one turn of No. 16 or 18 wire may be coupled close to the filament end of the secondary coil and connected to the receiving side of the switch SW. No ground is then necessary. Noise from power lines, etc., is reduced considerably by this method. The selectivity is increased to a large extent, as well as the entire absence of "holes" in the regeneration.

No data have been given in regard to the size of the coils, as every operator has his own pet type. If only one of the bands is to be used, the construction is made very simple, but if operation is desired in two or more bands, a plug-in arrangement of the coils will be necessary. This will be left entirely to the individual.

By employing the ideas just mentioned, better results will be obtained, such as purer notes, steadier and sharper signal, less interference to the broadcast listeners, and in the transmission of speech, better quality.

The writer will be glad to help those having difficulty by addressing him in care of RADIO.

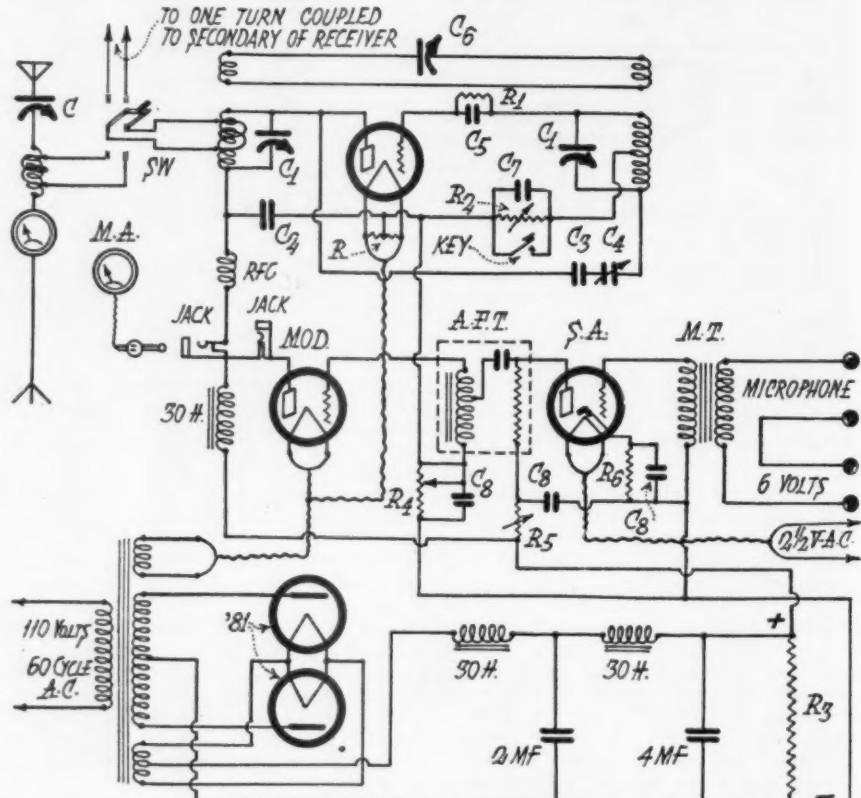


Fig. 6. Complete Transmitter Circuit

- $C$ —Antenna condenser .0005 mfd.  
 $C_1$ —Plate and grid tuning condensers .0005 mfd.  
 $C_2$ —By-pass condenser .002 mfd.  
 $C_3$ —Protective condenser .002 mfd.  
 $C_4$ —Neutralizing condenser .00005 mfd.  
 $C_5$ —Grid condenser .0005 mfd.  
 $C_6$ —Link circuit coupling condenser .0005 mfd.  
 $C_7$ —.5 mfd. approximately.  
 $C_8$ —1 mfd. by-pass condensers.  
 $R$ —200-ohm potentiometer.  
 $R_1$ —Grid leak 10,000 ohms.  
 $R_2$ —Variable keying resistor 0 to 100,000 ohms.

- $R_3$ —50,000-ohm resistor.  
 $R_4$ —0 to 1000-ohm, 200-mil bias resistor.  
 $R_5$ —Standard clarostat.  
 $R_6$ —1500-ohm bias resistor.  
 $RFC$ —Radio frequency choke.  
 $J$ —Closed circuit jacks.  
 $L$ —Plate inductance.  
 $L_1$ —Grid inductance.  
 $L_2$ —Link circuit coil.  
 $L_3$ —Link circuit coil.  
 $C$ —Plate tuning condenser.  
 $C_1$ —By-pass condenser.  
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The receiver employs one UX-222 screen-grid tube for the r.f. stage, one UX-841 high mu tube for detector and two UX-210's for a.f. amplifiers. The 841 has not been put on the market, but has been in use at all RCA receiving stations for some time. Except for the fact that it will not handle as high a plate voltage (280 volts) the ordinary UX-240 would probably do as well. With an extra set of coils this receiver will operate on waves as high as 250, but as this brings in very little else than broadcast programs, to which the radio operator has no time to listen, the higher inductance coils are useless.

Two clocks will be noticed on the bulkhead, one for Pacific Standard Time and the other for Eastern Standard Time. The "mill" or typewriter was deposited from its customary place at the photographer's orders and may be seen partly hidden behind the long-wave receiver.

Fig. 2 continues where Fig. 1 left off, showing the motor-generator control box at the right of the short-wave receiver and the 200-watt short-wave transmitter directly in back of Chief Operator T. Jay Byrne. This transmitter employs four UX-861 screen-grid tubes, one of which is used for beat note I. C. W. The set is mounted on springs and suspended from the ceiling by four elastic cords in order to offset the effect of vibration, should the latter be noticeable. This practice has more than likely evolved from experiments with aeronautical stations.

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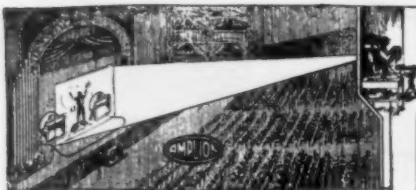
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## FINDING A JOB

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business of making one's own job also depends on forethought and on contacts.

Reverting now to the original subject of finding jobs in existing organizations, we find the same rules to apply. Reviewing all the contacts one has made is a process which may in itself show the best method of procedure. Make too many approaches, rather than too few, for the average person is never willfully blunt and may leave an uncertainty where there is no real hope. At the same time each approach should be followed up just as one would if selling something else than one's self. Naturally the follow-up must not be mere stubborn "hammering away at it"; each letter must be a dignified addition to what has been said or must show that a change of

situation has been noticed by you. I believe it will be well to put out as many lines as possible, even in directions that seem unpromising.

In the case of very large firms a single approach is not enough, for departments are frequently badly informed as to each other's needs. The more people, factories and departments one approaches the better are the opportunities. In this connection it is well to keep in mind that the impression created is materially better if one displays some slight knowledge of the organization. Obviously a letter addressed to "John Jones, Asst. Chief Radio Engineer," has a better chance than one addressed vaguely to the firm or some department. Still more obviously the acquaintance with Mr. Jones should have begun a year or two before so that he will feel that you are a friend. Do not, however, strain his friendship,

but approach him as for business and let your letter repeat all relevant facts about you.

It has constantly been my view that it is of the *least possible importance* just what one's first job in the organization is as long as the organization itself is a *sound and congenial* one. It is of no very vast importance that the firm be growing very rapidly. Mushroom growth will probably continue for a season only and is unlikely to take the precise form which will instantly make a new man great and wealthy. A far more desirable final result seems possible if the firm be one whose course and reputation seem steady, even though the firm be quite small. Future associations may take one outside of this firm and one will then be thankful that its name is good, for one's new associates will judge on that basis.

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### AUDIO AMPLIFICATION

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*C* bias detector due to lower losses, so that this value would be reduced. At last one additional stage of r.f. amplification is necessary, as has been checked in actual practice.

It is a question whether the additional r.f. stage with the attendant stabilization problem is cheaper than the additional audio stage. The power detector receiver usually has practically no a.c. hum if a good power pack is used and will give excellent quality when operated correctly. Either grid-leak or *C* bias power detection may be used if the proper plate voltages and output circuits are used. Power detector circuits also have the advantage that little or no audio filtering is necessary for excellent results.

### BAND PASS FILTER CHART

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the filter impedance. A number of calculated values for a 10 k.c. band and a 10,000 ohm impedance are given in the following table.

Frequencies	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>
65- 75 k.c.	.0000228	.00275	1.64
75- 85 k.c.	.00002	.00281	1.25
85- 95 k.c.	.0000175	.00285	.98
95-105 k.c.	.000015	.00288	.79
105-115 k.c.	.0000145	.00290	.659
110-120 k.c.	.0000139	.00293	.603

Values of *C*<sub>1</sub> and *C*<sub>2</sub> for an impedance of other than 10,000 ohms can be obtained by dividing those in the table by .5 for 5000 ohms, .6 for 6000 ohms, . . . 1.9 for 19,000 ohms, 2.0 for 20,000 ohms, etc. Values of *L*<sub>2</sub> can likewise be obtained by multiplying those for 10,000 ohms by the same factors.

### THE MARSHALL RECEIVER

Thomas A. Marshall, designer of the Marshall short-wave receiver used by the Navy, advises that placing the audio stage between the r.f. and detector stages, as done by P. S. Lucas in his article in May "RADIO," does not conform to the original circuit diagram, a fact which was stated by Mr. Lucas in his article. Mr. Marshall states that this change is responsible for the undesirable control of oscillation in the r.f. stage.

In the circuit as designed by Mr. Marshall, he finds that the r.f. stage does not in any way affect the oscillation or calibration of the coil system. Furthermore he finds that his receiver requires less time to tune in a given station than is required for a one-stage r.f. amplifier and detector circuit, due to the fact that a regenerative control does not change the tuning. The circuits are balanced and the r.f. stage does not interact on the detector stage.

## TUNED IMPEDANCES

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the center scale, for which the corresponding value of  $\cos \theta$ , the power factor, is shown.

It should be especially noted that  $R$  is the resistance at a specified radio frequency and is not the d.c. resistance. The r.f. resistance of any single-layer solenoid may be calculated, as explained by D. L. Bedingfeld in January 1929 RADIO, or it may be measured, as described by Frank C. Jones in April 1929 RADIO.

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## COOLEY TELEVISION SYSTEM

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This use of a still picture receiver for television is admittedly experimental, but is one worth trying if the apparatus is at hand. The additional parts are the viewing screen, lens, corona plate, motor and the special scanning disc. Makeshifts will probably do for all but the disc which would be difficult to make.

Some other points might be mentioned. The scanning apparatus should be set up so that when the disc rotates, the distance between any of the pins and the corona screen will not vary. The distance of separation is from 1/32 to 1/16 in. Resistance-coupled amplification will probably be more suitable than the transformer-coupled stage in the still picture receiver.

Incidentally, it has been found that there is sometimes a lag between the time of the passage of the pin on the disc past the corona plate and the occurrence of the spark discharge. While this is not a satisfactory condition, it is stated that the images are not distorted to a great extent. This might be remedied by redesigning the disc.

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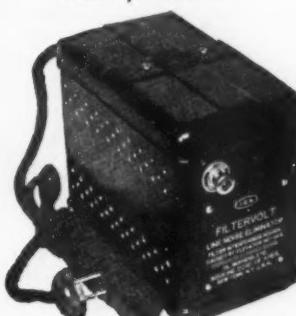
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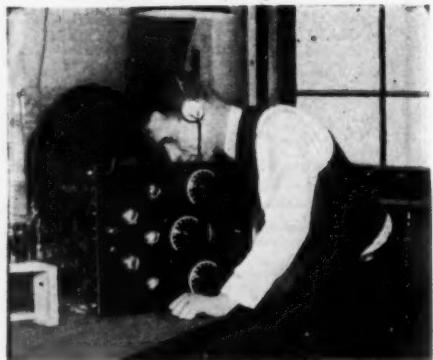
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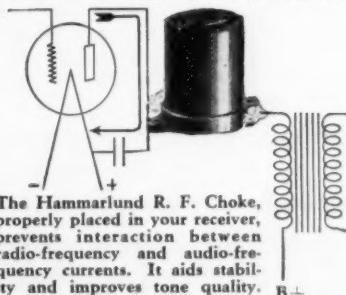
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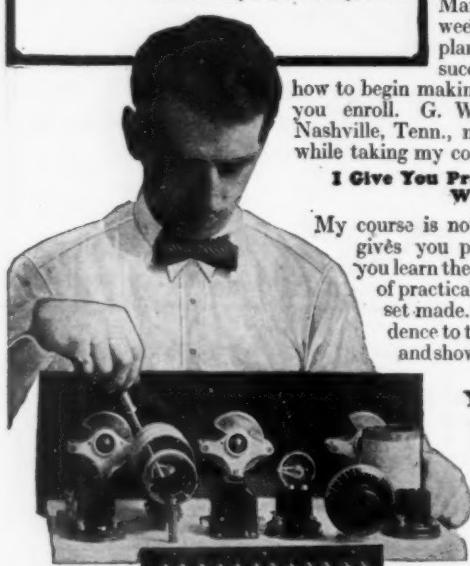
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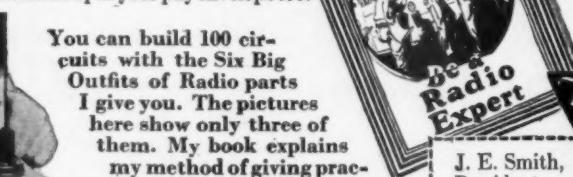


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